

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.

July 22th, 1935

SIR:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent ☐
Special Agent (Accountant) ☐
Stenographer ☐
Typist ☒
Messenger ☒
(Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) Skousen Willard Cleon
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name

2. Legal residence 1409 Waterman Ave., San Bernardino, Cal. 11, 5.

3. Mail and telegraphic address 2115 Pennsylvania, N.W. Washington, D.C.

4. Date of birth 1/20/13 Weight 165 Height 5'10" Color White

5. Place of birth Raymond, Alberta, Canada

6. (a) Father's name Ray Skousen (b) Father's birthplace ?, Arizona

7. (a) Mother's maiden name Rita Bentley (b) Mother's birthplace St. George, Utah

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? Since 1923

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization Parents Americans

11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Single
(Specify)

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed

13. Number of children, if any None

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? Yes

15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? San Bernardino

Rotary Club \$250.00 scholarship loan payable in 1940.

16. Education: (Please print.)

| | NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL | FROM— | TO— | COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED |
|----------------------------|--|-------|------|--|
| (a) Elementary | Elementary School, Raymond Alberta, Canada | 1920 | 1923 | |
| | Torrance Grammar School, Torrance, California | 1923 | 1926 | |
| (b) High school equivalent | Juarez State Academy, Colonia Juarez, Chih. Mexico | 1926 | 1928 | |
| | San Bernardino High School, San Bernardino, California | 1928 | 1930 | English Major. Rec. Diploma Pre-legal. |
| (c) College or technical | San Bernardino Valley Junior College, San Bernardino, California | 1933 | 1935 | Received an Associate of Arts degree |
| (d) Miscellaneous | Two years of study and valuable experience in the British Isles | 1930 | 1933 | Book keeping, Public Speaking, Executive Diplomacy. |

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Honorary member of San Bernardino Rotary Club.

Member of San Berdo Junior Lions and San Berdo College Y.

18. Are you physically capable of discharging the duties of the position sought? (Any physical defects should be fully described) Yes

19. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days of illness and nature of ailments):

I have only had one illness which occurred in
the spring of 1934. This was an attack of the
flu. I have suffered no injury from it, however.

20. Experience: (Please print.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER | POSITION | FROM— | TO— | ANNUAL SALARY |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Roy Skousen, | Soreman | Oct., 1932 | Jan. 1933 ³ | \$ 1000 |
| 1409 Waterman Ave., | Time keeper | Jan. 1933 | Sept. 1933 | \$ 1000 ⁰⁰ |
| San Bernardino, | and Secretary | | | |
| California. | | | | |
| Agricultural Adjustment Admin. | Audit Clerk | July 1, 1935 | | |
| et. | | | | |
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21. Have you ever been arrested? Yes. Arrested once in 1927 forSpecify: not having a Calif. driver's license. Arrested in
Sept., 1934 for driving 50 miles per hour in a 45 mile zone.22. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No

Specify: _____

23. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners; business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

| NAME | RESIDENCE ADDRESS | NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED | BUSINESS ADDRESS |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Pres. 1. Nicholas Ricciardi, Sr. | San Bernardino, Calif. 786 Mission Drive 17th St. | Two | San Berdo Jun. College. San Bernardino, Calif. Business + Prof. Bldg. |
| 2. Dr. Phil Savage Sr. | San Bernardino, Calif. Mountain View Ave. | Seven | San Bernardino, Calif. Board of Equal, Central Bldg. San Bernardino, Cal. |
| 3. Eben Blomquist | San Bernardino, Calif. | Ten | Bank of America, San Bernardino, Cal. |
| 4. John Dakie | Rialto, California | Three | San Bernardino, Cal. |
| 5. Judge C. J. O'Connor | Colton, California | Three | Colton, California |

24. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

None

25. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? \$1440

26. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? Yes

27. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes

28. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes

29. Attach unmounted face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken *not more than 30 days prior to date of application.*



Respectfully,

Alemon Skousen
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 1st day of August, 1935, at city (or town) of Washington, county of _____, and State (or Territory or District) of Colorado

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

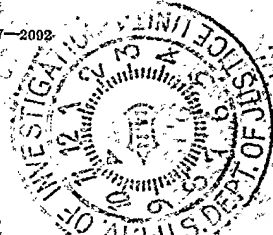
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Wm. C. Jackson
(Signature of officer)

Notary Public
(Official title)

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ASSIGNMENT HISTORY OF

WILLARD CLEON SKOUSEN

ENTERED ON DUTY AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON JUNE 17, 1940

[illegible]

| Date | Grade | Salary |
|----------|----------|-----------|
| 6-1-41 | CAF-10 | \$3500 |
| 9-16-41 | CAF-11 | \$3800 |
| 2-1-43 | CAF-12 | \$4600 |
| 7-1-45 | CAF-12 | \$5180 |
| 7-2-45 | CAF-12 | \$5390 |
| 7-1-46 | CAF-12 | \$6144.60 |
| 1-12-47 | CAF-12 | \$6384 |
| 7-11-48 | CAF-12 | \$6714 |
| 7-25-48 | CAF-12 | \$6953.40 |
| 10-30-49 | GS-12 | \$7000 |
| 1-22-50 | GS-12 | \$7200 |
| 9-17-50 | GS-13 | \$7600 |
| 10-5-51 | RESIGNED | |

NAME W. CLEON SKOUSEN

DATE

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| 10-24-35 | ENTERED ON DUTY | DATE | EFFICIENCY | RATING | |
| 1-17-40 | | May '36 | Excellent | | |
| | | May '37 | Excellent | | |
| | | MAY 15 '38 | EXCELLENT | | |
| | | MAY 15 '39 | EXCELLENT | | |
| | | APR 15 1940 | EXCELLENT | | |
| 10-24-35 | POSITION Messenger | | | | |
| 12-1-35 | Clerk | | | | |
| 8-1-37 | Night Supervisor, Communic. | | | | |
| 2-16-39 | Chief, Communications Sect. | | | | |
| 10-24-35 | WHERE ASSIGNED Chief Clerk | | | | |
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| | | ENTRANCE GRADE | ENTRANCE SALARY | | |
| | | CU 3 | \$1200 | | |
| | | SALARY CHANGES | | | |
| DATE | TYPING TEST | STENOGRAPHIC TEST | DATE | GRADE | SALARY |
| ENTRANCE | 97 | | 12-1-35 | CAF 1 | \$1260 |
| Feb. '38 | 89 | | 6-1-36 | CAF 2 | 1440 |
| Aug. 1938 | 98% | | 7-1-36 | CAF 3 | 1620 |
| Dec. 1939 | 97% | | 7-1-37 | CAF 3 | 1680 |
| | | | 2-16-39 | CAF-5 | 2000 |
| | | | 7-1-39 | CAF-5 | \$2100 |

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 5-23-61

FROM : C. R. Davidson

Tolson _____
 Parsons _____
 Mohr _____
 Belmont _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 DeLoach _____
 Evans _____
 Malone _____
 Rosen _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 W.C. Sullivan _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Ingram _____
 Gandy _____

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Former Special Agent

(Resigned 10-5-51, to accept position as Executive
 Assistant to the President of Brigham Young University.)

PERMANENT BRIEF

Entered on Duty

Reported to Field

Resigned

Last Grade and Salary

Last Salary Change

Age

Place of Birth

Marital Status

Education

Member of Bar

Language Ability

Last Performance Rating

Office of Preference as of 1957

Firearms Ability

Outstanding Endorsers

Relatives in the Bureau

Offices of Assignment:

8-6-40

assigned

12-15-40

transferred

4-4-41

transferred

6-25-41

transferred

6-5-45

transferred

hdqrs. fixed

10-5-51

resigned

10-24-35 (Messenger)

6-17-40 (Special Agent)

8-6-40

10-5-51

GS-13, \$7600

9-17-50 (Grade Promotion)

48

Raymond, Alberta, Canada

Married (8 Children as of
 1955)

Bachelor of Laws Degree

District of Columbia Bar

None Listed

SATISFACTORY (10-5-51)

Los Angeles

Qualified Instructor

Former Senator McAdoo

Brother, former SA Leroy B.

Skousen, EOD 8-4-41, Re-

signed 3-17-54, GS-12, \$7840.

Omaha

Kansas City

Administrative Division

Records & Communications

Division

Los Angeles

San Bernardino, California



W. CLEON SKOUSEN

AUG 1949

From 10-~~14~~-35 until 6-17-40 this Agent was employed at the Seat of Government in the Chief Clerk's Office as Messenger, Clerk, Night Supervisor and Chief of the Communications Section. During that period of employment he maintained an excellent record and he was increased in grade and salary from CU-3, \$1200 to CAF-5, \$2100 per annum.

At the conclusion of his training period, Mr. Nathan said he was definitely intelligent, and it was felt he would be above average,

RECORD IN GRADE CAF-9, \$3200: On 8-6-40 he was assigned to Omaha. SAC Stein reported he was very promising material, was mature beyond his years and exercised very good judgment, was well acquainted with Bureau policy and was above average in intelligence, industry and comprehension of the Bureau's work, had handled all types of cases in that office except bankruptcy and antitrust with very good results, was thorough and conscientious, was an excellent dictator, had made numerous speeches and several persons had informed he made a very good talk and was a fine representative of the Bureau, it was believed he possessed both administrative and executive ability and after he had had more experience in the field it was felt he should be considered for a position in which he could use those qualities.

On 12-15-40 he was transferred to Kansas City. SAC Brantley reported he had a rather comprehensive knowledge of the duties of a Special Agent for one so new in the service, had a splendid personality and made good contacts wherever he went, was the kind who always received a second and then a third invitation to appear in a city where he had given an address, his mental equipment was good, was much more alert than the average newly-appointed man, had initiative, enthusiasm, resourcefulness, and was the type who did not have to be told every step to follow in an investigation, the U.S. Attorney had commented favorably upon his work, got along well with peace officers and his work among confidential informants had been satisfactory as well as his participation in the American Legion program. SAC Brantley said he held more promise than any new man he had seen coming from the Bureau's Training School in a long time, was the type of Agent to whom almost any type of assignment could be given with the assurance that it would be vigorously, conscientiously and discreetly handled, and it was felt he possessed some ability to do work of a supervisory nature in the Bureau. By letter dated 3-17-41 he was advised that his explanation that he had been misquoted in the Denver Rocky Mountain News concerning the address which he delivered before the Sons of the American Revolution was entirely satisfactory.

On 4-4-41 he was transferred to the Seat of Government where he was assigned to the Chief Clerk's Office as a supervisor. By memorandum dated 4-14-41 Mr. Clegg said from interviewing re-trainees he had learned that this Agent had done some remarkably fine work as an instructor and that repeated statements had been made concerning his recent delivery of lectures before police groups. The police seemed to like him very much. Mr. Glavin reported this Agent had been assigned to the duties of interviewing clerical applicants and the manner in which he had been performing his duties was particularly pleasing, his memoranda had been very concise and yet complete and had given all the necessary information in connection with his interview, had briefed a number of files during his assignment, and he had handled miscellaneous Congressional inquiries. Mr. Glavin further said this Agent was coming along all right and that he would have no hesitancy in stating that he undoubtedly could handle most investigations being referred to the Bureau at that time, and that he was satisfactorily performing his duties. On 6-1-41 he was reallocated to CAF-10 at \$3500 per annum.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF-10, \$3500: On 6-25-41 he was placed in charge of the Communications Section. Mr. Nichols reported he had done excellent work in the training of new Messengers

and new employees, had imagination, could think problems through, followed details thoroughly, was industrious and enthusiastic, his work had been very satisfactory, and all in all, it was felt he was doing everything within his power to effectively carry on the work in the Communications Section. On 9-16-41 he was reallocated to CAF-11 at \$3800 per annum.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF-11, \$3800: By letter dated 10-14-41 the Director advised he was pleased to note the fine compliment which had been paid to this Agent as a Bureau representative when he addressed the Missouri Press Association. By memorandum dated 11-28-41 Mr. Nichols expressed his dissatisfaction with the manner in which this Agent handled a telephone call with Howard Hiatt. As a result of the mishandling of two radiograms, this Agent was censured by letter dated 1-30-42 for not properly instructing all employees in the Communications Section. On the 1942 annual efficiency rating he was rated as EXCELLENT by Mr. Nichols. By memorandum dated 8-10-42 this Agent advised he had no excuse to offer for the delinquency of his May expense account. In January 1943 Mr. Nichols reported this Agent had developed considerably during the past year, definitely had administrative ability, handled personnel very well and the morale in his section was among the highest in the Bureau, was loyal, energetic and hard working, it was felt he had a very good future in the Bureau's service, and on the few instances wherein he had made speaking engagements he had had a very fine response. On 2-1-43 he was reallocated to CAF-12 at \$4600 per annum.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF-12, \$4600: On the 1943 annual efficiency rating he was rated as EXCELLENT by Mr. Nichols. On 6-7-43 he was designated Personnel Assistant of the Communications and Records Division. In a memorandum to the Director dated 9-2-43 Mr. Laughlin said this Agent was made available to the Staff of the House Appropriations Committee to conduct a survey and inquiry into the central switchboard and teletype facilities operated by the Central Administrative Services of the Office for Emergency Management for the use of the various war agencies; that he made a very complete survey of those facilities and by reason of his experience in such matters in connection with his regular Bureau assignment, he was able to be of very definite assistance to the Committee; that his findings had been set out in a concise report and his services in that connection could be considered entirely satisfactory. Mr. Laughlin further said that in the course of the inquiry it was felt the information received by this Agent through observation and otherwise might be of very definite assistance to him in his supervision of like facilities in the Bureau.

On 1-11-44 Mr. Hicks said based on observations made by representatives of the Training Division during the past year, this Agent was considered a better than average lecturer; that he presented a well groomed appearance on the platform, had perfect command of his subject matter, spoke in a sufficiently loud tone of voice, had a good platform vocabulary, held interest, had a good sense of humor and kept the class in excellent spirits and receptive mood. By letter dated 3-31-44 this Agent was advised the failure of one of the employees of the Mail Review and Dispatch Unit to carry out specific instructions in connection with the mailing of a letter which was to receive special handling in the Washington Field Office reflected upon the administration of his office.

On the 1944 annual efficiency rating he was rated EXCELLENT by Mr. Nichols. Beginning March 27, 1944 this Agent was assigned to the Washington Field Office for a period of two weeks. SAC Hottel reported that during the first week he was assigned to general investigations and on those assignments he indicated a good knowledge of the Bureau's work, his industry, application of time and energy to his duties and enthusiasm were above average, produced a very good volume of work which required only an average amount of supervision, and he indicated good judgment in making decisions in the handling of his investigations. During the second week he was engaged in security matter investigations, spending

one day of the week in the operation of a technical surveillance. It was reported he handled his duties in an enthusiastic manner, was alert, needed little supervision and apparently was well versed in the Bureau's work, appeared energetic, resourceful and aggressive, and his work altogether while in that office was entirely satisfactory.

During an inspection of the Washington Field Office in March and April 1944, Inspector Egan said he presented an average appearance, was intelligent, willing, interested, far above average, and it was felt he had administrative ability.

On 6-22-44 SAC Abbaticchio commended the talk that Agent Skousen gave at the Rotary Club, Birmingham, Alabama, on 6-21-44. On 8-1-44 he was assigned to Crime Records Section.

On 10-19-44 Mr. Nichols rated him EXCELLENT and said he had a very good appearance and an outstanding personality, he was thoroughly experienced in all phases of the Bureau's work and had had considerable experience in the handling of personnel. Since his assignment in Crime Records he had had general supervision over the preparation of "FBI this Week" and "The Investigator", and had done a very good job on each. At the present time he was being quite successful in improving each publication and in creating additional interest in the magazines on the part of Bureau personnel. He had handled several assignments involving original writing and had done a uniformly good job on each. He had also handled a number of very special tours in a very creditable manner. He had likewise filled several speaking engagements and the response from each had been uniformly good. He was without doubt one of the Bureau's outstanding speakers. He was an outstanding Bureau salesman and it was felt he would do a creditable job in almost any capacity. It was felt that at the present time he would be able to function satisfactorily as an ASAC in a small or medium-sized office. He was a valuable asset to Crime Records and on the basis of his work thus far it was felt that he was entitled to a rating of Excellent.

By letter dated 3-3-45 he was commended for the fine comments received concerning his recent address at a Parent Teachers Association Meeting.

On 3-31-45 Mr. Nichols rated him EXCELLENT and said he had an excellent appearance, a winning personality and an abundance of enthusiasm. He had had general supervision over the Investigator and FBI This Week since his assignment in the section and had done an outstanding job on each. The Investigator had been made considerably more appealing to Bureau employees and FBI This Week had been changed so that it was more readable and much more interesting than it was in the past. He had developed two of the girls of the section to the point where they could handle much of the work on

these two publications. He was one of the best speakers in the Bureau and had given a number of speeches in Washington and vicinity during the past year. Frequently he had been invited for other speeches by those who were present at a particular meeting. He had given quite a number of lectures before Bureau employees and had handled all of these in a uniformly good manner. In addition he had taken quite a number of special visitors through the Bureau on tours and his work in this regard was outstanding. During the year he had done considerable research and original writing. He recently did outstanding work in his memorandum summarizing the growth and development of the Bureau. He had a very good style and his articles had been very well prepared. He was well versed on the Bureau's work and really had the FBI at heart. He had made a most valuable contribution to the Crime Records Section and it was felt he should be kept in mind for possible advancement in the future. Without doubt he could serve creditably at the present time as an ASAC in a small office.

On 4-16-45 Mr. A. C. Barnett, Membership Secretary, YMCA, Washington, D. C. commended the talk given by Agent Skousen before the staff conference of the Young Men's Christian Association.

During an inspection of the Crime Records Section in March-April, 1945, Inspector Egan advised he was one of the best speakers in the Bureau and had given a number of speeches in Washington and Vicinity during the past year. Frequently he had been invited for other speeches by those who were present at a particular meeting. He had given quite a number of lectures before Bureau employees and had handled all of these in a uniformly good manner. In addition he had taken quite a number of special visitors through the Bureau on tours and his work in this regard was outstanding. He had made a most valuable contribution to the Crime Records Section and it was felt he should be kept in mind for possible advancement in the future. He had an excellent appearance, a winning personality and an abundance of enthusiasm.

He attended In-Service Training from April-May, 1945.

On 5-24-45 Mr. H. H. Clegg advised that Skousen was afforded training as an Inspector's assistant on 5-21 and 22, 1945 and it was believed he was qualified to assist in the course of field office inspections.

On 5-26-45 Mr. Nichols rated him EXCELLENT and said among other things he definitely had administrative and executive ability and should be kept in mind for further advancement in the Bureau's work. He had had well-grounded experience in the field and also at the seat of government and was thoroughly familiar with all matters pertaining to the Bureau's operation and Bureau policy.

On 5-31-50 Mr. Sloan advised that Agent Skousen had received Administrative Firearms Training at Quantico from 5-7 to 5-12, 1945.

On 6-5-45 he was transferred to the Los Angeles Office due to his ill health and his headquarters was also at San Bernardino.

On 7-2-45 he received a Uniform Promotion to \$5390 per annum in CAF-12.
and said

On 8-13-45 SAC Hood rated him EXCELLENT since arriving in the Los Angeles Office he had been assigned to Selective Service investigation, and recently was assigned to a special squad investigating black market activities. He had performed an average volume of work on his own initiative and required a very minimum amount of supervision. He was outstandingly enthusiastic and conscientious concerning his work and was exceedingly loyal to the Bureau. He had a very pleasing manner and made a favorable impression on first meeting. He was rated excellent in his dictation and had his work well organized and dictated accurately at a good rate of speed.

By letter dated 10-19-45 he was awarded his Ten Year Service Award Key.

By letter dated 10-25-45 he was commended for the fine work he performed in a survey of the Department of Justice.

On 11-28-45 Mr. Gurnea advised the Bureau that Agent Skousen assisted him during the inspection of the Portland Office. Gurnea was impressed with the manner in which he carried out the duties assigned to him. He readily grasped the purpose of each phase of the inspection and completed his work quickly and accurately. He had an excellent knowledge of the Bureau's rules and regulations and required a minimum amount of supervision after his assignments were made. He did not adopt a superior attitude and caused no friction or unnecessary confusion in the office. It was felt that Skousen was fully qualified to assist during inspection work and Gurnea rated him as being above average of the Agents who had been assigned to Gurnea so far.

In January, 1946 he was recommended for possible development as an SAC.

On 3-31-46 SAC Hood rated him EXCELLENT and said he made a splendid personal appearance, he had a likeable personality, and got along well with others. He was mature, intelligent and made an excellent Bureau representative with public officials and law enforcement officers. He was cooperative, industrious and possessed of considerable initiative. He applied himself well and used sufficient force and aggressiveness in the discharge of his responsibilities. He was capable of operating alone on dangerous assignments and it was felt he would perform satisfactorily on physical or technical assignments. He organized his work well, proceeded on his own responsibility and by application of initiative and good judgment was successful in bringing cases to a logical conclusion. His reports were well written as to form and substance and reflected proper marshalling of facts prior to dictation. His work required minimum supervision. He had been assigned to Selective Service matters where he had performed an average volume of work. He had also worked on Black Market activities in the field office and did a commendable job. He had made numerous speeches during his assignment here for which he had received letters of commendation. He was above average in speaking ability and he was also a qualified firearms instructor. It was believed he definitely possessed supervisory or administrative ability.

On 4-3-46 his SAC was advised that Skousen recently completed a

specialized course in juvenile control at the Seat of government and was now qualified as an instructor in Juvenile control. He was also qualified as a general police instructor.

On 5-23-46 the SAC of the Portland Office advised that Skousen handled the subjects of "Public Relations" and Juvenile Delinquency" at the state wide school of Police Administration, held in Portland May 6th to 9th. At the conclusion of Skousen's discussion, many of the officers present came up and commended him very highly stating that his discussion of the topics assigned to him was one of the highlights of the school program and they thought it was the best presentation of Juvenile Delinquency they had ever heard.

During a self-inspection of the Los Angeles Office in July, 1946, SAC Hood advised he made an excellent personal appearance, had an affable personality, had been assigned to the selective service squad where he had been performing an average volume of work. He also made numerous speeches in behalf of the Bureau, for which he had received numerous letters of commendation. He made an excellent Bureau representative.

On 7-17-46 he was one of the Agents recommended by his SAC as capable of performing supervisory and administrative duties and possibly capable of developing further with such training so that they would eventually become ASAC's or SAC's.

By letter dated 8-28-46 he was commended for the excellent manner in which he conducted an interview with Mr. John M. Zook, Los Angeles County Probation Officer.

On 1-12-47 he received a Uniform Promotion to \$6384 per annum in CAF-12.

On 3-31-47 SAC Hood rated him EXCELLENT and said he was carefully groomed, neat and conservative in dress, possessed a quiet, self-assured and affable personality and was always courteous and gentlemanly in his conduct. He was mature and businesslike in his approach, very intelligent, possessed a wealth of good judgment and made an excellent Bureau representative. He was extremely cooperative and industrious with his time, resourceful and forthright. He was an outstanding representative of the Bureau before law enforcement officers; had expended a great deal of his own personal time in research and the schools in which he had participated had been outstandingly successful. He was an approved Bureau speaker and it was believed outstanding in his qualifications along these lines and capable of representing the Bureau as a speaker before any type of group. His SAC had had occasion to commend him on numerous occasions for speeches made before local groups, wherein the performance of this Agent had been brought to the SAC's attention in highly congratulatory letters. He had a good knowledge of the techniques involved in physical and technical surveillances and although he had no knowledge of shorthand, handled a typewriter adequately. There would be no hesitancy to use him on dangerous assignments. His

reports were carefully prepared, uniformly well written and reflected a sound and thoroughgoing knowledge of Bureau investigative techniques and procedure. He was particularly adept in expressing himself and had quite a flare for writing, which he had demonstrated on a number of occasions in the preparation of speeches and interesting case memoranda. He had developed a large number of valuable sources of information and contacts and operated at all times on his own responsibility. It was believed he was a real credit and asset to the organization. He had an analytical mind; was qualified as an administrator even though he had not performed supervisory duties in the office during the past year. He was the type of man who goes out of his way to promote the interests of the Bureau and could be depended upon to exercise ingenuity and farsightedness in the promotion of the activities of the organization.

It is to be noted, during an inspection of the Los Angeles Office in February, 1947, Inspector Gurnea advised he was attached to the general criminal squad. In addition, he assisted in police school work, he presented a neat, conservative appearance, was affable, a capable speaker and appeared to be an above average Bureau representative. He stated he came to Los Angeles in poor health, having had stomach ulcers, but was greatly improved and was participating fully in all assignments and phases of the Bureau's work. He expressed sincere appreciation of the Bureau's consideration in sending him to this office. He stated he was settled, happy, owned his own home, was near his and his wife's parents and was well pleased with his office assignment. He appeared to be well grounded in the Bureau's work and was believed to be a conscientious loyal employee.

In April, 1947 Mr. O. C. Smith, Chief of Police of Whittier, California commended this Agent and others for the training the officers of his department received in gunnery and various phases of police investigation from these Agents.

During a self-inspection of the Los Angeles Office in September, 1947 SAC Hood advised he was an excellent representative of the Bureau. He was conservative, diligent, industrious and very interested in doing an outstanding job for the Bureau. He was an approved Bureau speaker, and also an outstanding Police Instructor. It was believed he was an outstanding asset to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office.

On 1-29-48 Mr. Gurnea advised Agent Skousen assisted him during the inspection of the Phoenix Office and he was particularly familiar with office administrative devices when compared with other Agents. He was alert and quickly understood the details of each assignment given him. He completed his assignments thoroughly with a minimum of supervision. He was considerably above average when compared with other inspector's aides.

On 3-31-48 SAC Hood rated him EXCELLENT and said among other things, he had a self-assured manner, was affable and had a lasting personality, he was very courteous and gentlemanly and businesslike in his approach.

He had good sound judgment and had an excellent cooperative attitude towards fellow agents, employees and his assignments. He was exceptionally interested in the Bureau's work and religiously loyal to the organization. He performed a large amount of overtime and did not request compensatory leave. He was assigned to the general criminal investigative squad and had the responsibility of writing the Crime Survey and also Interesting Case Write-ups. During this period the majority of his time had been used as a police instructor. He also was used as an Inspector's Aide and gave numerous Bureau speeches. His SAC received numerous letters and personal comments concerning Skousen's outstanding ability as a Bureau speaker. He had an excellent command of the English language and was a polished speaker. His SAC also received numerous personal comments and also letters of commendation concerning his excellent work as a police instructor. He had developed many contacts and friends for the Bureau through his talks and police instruction. He was outstanding in research matters, he spent considerable time doing research on police administration and supervision, juvenile matters, crime conditions and allied matters. His SAC stated he commended this agent also for his fine work in connection with the submission of the last Crime Survey report. He had good imagination and was very resourceful and would assume all responsibilities in connection with his assignments. He had excellent ideas and made good use of these in connection with Crime Survey and Interesting Case write-ups and the like.

By letter dated 5-18-48 he was commended for the fine work performed by him in connection with the preparation of the Los Angeles Crime Survey Report.

On 6-30-48 the SAC of the Salt Lake City Office advised that the 33rd annual convention, California Division, International Association for Identification, Reno, Nevada was held on June 16-19, 1948 and the address given by Agent Skousen was very well received and the Resident Agents at Reno had heard many very complimentary remarks concerning it.

On 7-11-48 he received a basic salary increase to CAF-12, \$6714 per annum.

On 7-25-48 he received a uniform promotion to \$6953.40 per annum.

He attended In-Service Training in August, 1948.

During an inspection of the Los Angeles Office in October, 1948, Inspector Gurnea advised he presented a good appearance and had a very warm and friendly personality. He was byal and thoroughly dependable, he was an approved Bureau speaker and spent a considerable amount of his time teaching police schools. It was believed he was an above average Agent.

On 12-21-48 Inspector Gurnea advised that Agent Skousen assisted him during the Butte and Salt Lake City inspections. He was ~~above~~ average in

intelligence, he was analytical, industrious and thoroughly dependable. He received his assignments with a minimum of detailed instructions, completed them quickly, thoroughly and accurately. He was above average.

On 3-31-49 SAC Hood rated him EXCELLENT and among other things stated he presented an excellent personal appearance, his personality was mature, friendly, sincere and challenging to those with whom he came in contact. He was well liked by fellow employees and all others with whom he associates. He was an extremely alert, experienced, capable Agent who used his keen intelligence to the Bureau's best interests at all times. He was tactful, diplomatic and persuasive and still was able to be sufficiently forceful and aggressive to meet and dominate any situation which arises. He appeared to be in excellent physical condition. He was vitally interested in all phases of the Bureau's work, was extremely energetic, dependable, cooperative and conscientious in handling any type of assignment. He was industrious to an excellent degree and worked many hours of voluntary overtime for which he made no claim for compensatory leave. He possessed and used an extremely intelligent and active mentality and was logical and analytical in his approach to each and every problem that arises. He worked with no supervision and was fully competent to plan, organize and follow through any such assignment without supervision. He was also a qualified firearms instructor and Bureau speaker and had contributed to the program of the office in both phases of this activity and he was an outstanding public speaker and his talents and abilities were used to the Bureau's advantage on many occasions. He willingly accepted and discharged all of his responsibilities and all of his work reflected the application of careful thought, excellent judgment and extreme thoroughness. He had handled several criminal investigations in addition to his other assignments and had done an excellent job on each. His criminal investigations reflected resourcefulness and careful planning in all instances. His reports and paper work, although few during this period were excellent and required an absolute minimum of supervision. He handled all Bureau equipment in excellent fashion and his firearms scores were far above average and admirably suited him for use on any dangerous assignment as a leader of a group of Agents in the planning and execution of such assignment, or as a participant. His SAC advised that he had received numerous letters of commendation for his work as a police instructor and he had made many friends for the Bureau as a result of this contact work. He had also done outstanding work in connection with research matters, particularly on the subject of juvenile delinquency, concerning which he had received specialized training. He possessed administrative, supervisory and executive ability and was capable of handling any such assignment as the needs of the Bureau would indicate. He was available for transfer although he was well satisfied with his present assignment.

He attended In-Service Training in August-September, 1949. On 10-30-49 he received a basic salary increase to GS-12, \$7000 per annum.

On 1-17-50 Mr. H. H. Clegg advised that Agent Skousen had assisted Mr. Naughten during the recent inspection in San Francisco. Skousen proved himself to be extremely capable and valuable as an Aide. He had more than average intelligence and an unusual ability to take an assignment and follow through with practically no supervision, producing accurate, objective and fine results all around.

On 1-22-50 he received a Uniform Promotion to \$7200 per annum.

On 2-7-50 Mr. J. A. Bennett, Chief of Police, Riverside/California commended this Agent and Agent John L. Sullivan as instructors in the training center for Deputy Sheriff's holding supervisory positions in the Sheriff's Office.

By letter dated 2-27-50 he was advised that the Bureau had completed its review of the manuscripts submitted by him on "Psychology of the Juvenile", "Growing-up problems of the Normal Juvenile", and "Factors Contributing to the Delinquency of Girls" in response to the Bureau's request for a revitalization of police training material. These manuscripts gave evidence of considerable effort on his part in the amount of research involved, the organization of the subject matter, and the inclusion of illustrations to add interest to his subjects. He was further advised that the Bureau was pleased at the interest shown by him in the constant improvement of the caliber of police training given by Bureau Agents, as indicated not only by the above-listed manuscripts but also the others forwarded by him through the Los Angeles Office in recent months.

By letter dated 3-7-50 he was commended by the Director in view of the favorable comments received concerning his splendid participation in the school held for the Riverside County Sheriff's Office.

On 3-31-50 SAC Hood rated him EXCELLENT and among other things stated he was a very versatile Agent who excelled in most of the fields in which he works. His SAC was confident that there was no other police instructor in any institution of learning or other law enforcement agency who could compete with him. He was calm by nature but he was aggressive and had tremendous drive to accomplish a great deal with a minimum of effort. He presented a very satisfactory personal appearance and had a good personality. He was entirely devoted to the Bureau's service and gave freely of his own personal time to further the Bureau's work. He undoubtedly possessed administrative ability but his services were much more valuable to the Bureau in the field in which he now operated.

By letter dated 4-28-50 he was advised by the Director that he had received some very fine comments relative to the excellent manner in which he participated in two state-wide juvenile schools which were conducted at the Phoenix Police Academy.

On 6-30-50 his SAC was advised that a review of this Agent's file reflected he had served ten years in the Bureau as a Special Agent and he was

therefore eligible for consideration for reallocation to Grade GS-13. He was further advised that the Bureau desired that he carefully review the work of this Agent and submit a special efficiency report and in the event he did not meet the qualifications for Grade GS-13, he should be so advised in accordance with SAC Letter Number 163 dated 12-13-47 and the Bureau promptly advised.

It is to be noted, on 5-3-50 the SAC of the San Diego Office stated that Agent Skousen was primarily responsible for the organization and handling of a Juvenile Crime Control School at San Diego, California, April 25 through 27, 1950. The SAC stated he was present at the opening of the school and listened to one hour of lecturing by Agent Skousen and said he received comments from the head of the Training School of the San Diego Police Department and others of the 72 officers in attendance, and without exception the officers spoke in complimentary terms of the excellent performance of this Agent.

On 7-11-50 SAC Hood recommended that he be reallocated to GS-13 and stated he had completed ten years in the Bureau's service and his work had been of a high quality. He had been most outstanding as a police instructor during the past year in the office, having devoted considerable personal time to the preparation of material for his lectures; and his method of presentation had been the comment of the most favorable reaction his SAC had received on any Bureau instructor. His SAC advised he met the requirements of the Bureau inasmuch as he had had ten years of service; he was able to handle any type of investigation; he was in excellent physical condition; he was qualified to supervise or handle any type of case; and he was available for special or routine assignment as the Bureau might direct.

On 9-17-50 he was reallocated to Grade GS-13, \$7600 per annum.

His daily average overtime for October, 1950, was 1 hour 12 minutes with no travel time; November, 1 hour 23 minutes with 25 minutes travel time; December, 1 hour 5 minutes with 20 minutes travel time.

During an inspection of the Los Angeles Office in March, 1951, Inspector Naughten stated he was most personable and made an excellent impression. He had a sincere interest in all phases of the Bureau's work and a particular interest in law enforcement training held. He had force, was mature and dressed in good taste.

On 3-31-51, SAC Hood rated him SATISFACTORY and added he presented a very fine personal appearance at all times and had a very good personality. He was well liked by law enforcement officers and Bureau personnel. His dictation ability was excellent and his prepared work required no supervision. He was an approved Bureau speaker and his ability as such was outstanding. He was an outstanding police instructor and his intelligence and his practical approach to the police training program had resulted in considerable improvement in the entire training program. It was felt that in view of his previous experience he was capable of handling any type of assignment supervising the work of other agents

in the various phases of the Bureau's work. It was felt that his services were consistently above average in practically all respects. He was available for general or special assignment.

On 9-15-51, SAC Hood rated him SATISFACTORY and stated he had served exclusively in handling police schools, making speeches, and instructing moot court procedure. His dictation ability was regarded as excellent. He produced a large volume of work and his work required practically no supervision. He had cooperated effectively with supervisory and administrative personnel. He was available for general or special assignment.

By letter dated 9-27-51, he submitted his resignation which was effective 10-5-51, in order to accept the position of Executive Assistant to the President of Brigham Young University. On his cease-duty performance report SAC Carson rated him SATISFACTORY and stated he produced a large volume of work which was of excellent quality and required practically no supervision. He was an excellent all-around agent. He was recommended for reinstatement should he apply. His resignation was accepted by Bureau letter dated 10-8-51.

On 5-20-52, the Director saw him and stated he had called to pay his respects. The Director stated he was still intensely interested in the Bureau and believed he was quite loyal to our organization. If he was not on the Bureau's mailing list to receive various publications, it was thought he should be placed upon it.

By letter dated 5-18-54, the Director expressed pleasure in seeing him on the occasion of his visit to the FBI with the Madrigal Singers from Brigham Young University. The Director also thanked him for his congratulations on 5-11-54, on the occasions of his (Director's) Thirtieth Anniversary as Director of the FBI.

In June, 1956, he took office as Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah.

By letter dated 3-24-58, he forwarded to the Director a leather bound, personally inscribed copy of his book, "The Naked Communist." The Director's appreciation was expressed. A review of this book by the Domestic Intelligence Division reflected the book was well written and it clearly pointed out the communist threat to the free world. It incorporated in one volume many aspects of communism including communist theories, the lives of communist leaders, brutality of communism in its march for world conquest, failures of the free world's fight against communism, and fallacies of communism and suggestions on how to fight communism in the crucial period between now and 1970.

In March, 1960, he was dismissed as Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah, by Mayor Bracken Lee because he (Skousen) would not permit gambling and strip-teasing to take place.

In July, 1960, information was received that Mr. Skousen was running for Republican nomination as Governor of Utah and that his campaign literature carried the phrase, "Served his country in the FBI 16 years, 4 of them as Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover during World War II, a top assignment." It appeared that he was attempting to trade on his former Bureau connection. He was unsuccessful in this adventure.

In November, 1960, Mr. Skousen was the field representative, headquartered at Salt Lake City, for the American Security Council, an anti-Communist organization.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont dated 3-1-61, reflected that Mr. Skousen had spoken on Communism and his recent speeches in this field were beginning to border on the verge of rabble rousing.

NAME SKOUSEN, W. C.MONTHLY VOLUNTARY OVERTIME RECORD

| MONTHS | YEAR 1950 | | YEAR 1951 | | YEAR | | YEAR | |
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| | REGULAR | TRAVEL | REGULAR | TRAVEL | REGULAR | TRAVEL | REGULAR | TRAVEL |
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| DECEMBER | 1' 05" | 0' 20" | | | | | | |

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Los Angeles 13, California
January 19, 1949

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: SA W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

(A) Date of Birth: January 20, 1913⁵¹, Raymond, Alberta, Canada

(B) Marital Status: (name of spouse) Jewel Pitcher Skousen

(C) Spouse's Place of Employment: Housewife

(D) Number and birth date of Children: ⁵ Four

Handwritten: Harold Day
March 1 - 1960

(E) Names of parents,

brothers and sisters:

Roy P. Skousen, father Rita Bentley Skousen, mother
Ervin Maxwell Skousen, brother
Leroy Bentley Skousen, brother
Rita Skousen Miller, sister
Max Bentley Skousen, brother
Mildred Skousen Williams, sister
Keith Skousen, brother
Kenneth Skousen, brother

(F) Maiden name of wife, together
with names of wife's parents,
brothers and sisters:

Jewel Pitcher, wife
Hiram Nathan Pitcher, father
Myrtle Pitcher, mother
Lois Kruiz, sister

(G) Names of husband's parents,
brothers and sisters:

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b7C

- (H) Names of societies or
organiza~~ns~~ with which
connected:

Phi Alpha Delta (Legal Fraternity)
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

- (I) Legal Residence: 3509 Marguerite Street, Los Angeles 41, California

- (J) Education:

(Names of Schools attended
and degrees received)

San Bernardino Valley Junior College - certificate
San Bernardino, California

George Washington University - L. L. B. Degree
Washington, D. C.

- (K) Name, address and relation-
ship of person to be notified
in case of emergency:

Jewel Pitcher Skousen, wife,
3509 Marguerite Street
Los Angeles 41, California

- (L) List of names of any relatives
now in the Government service,
with degree of relationship,
and where employed. (List all
relatives, including those by
marriage.):

Ervin M. Skousen, brother, CAA, Anchorage, Alaska
Leroy B. Skousen, brother, FBI, Portland, Oregon

- (M) Offices where assignment preferred:
(Limited to three)

Los Angeles, California

3-15-57

Very truly yours,

W. Cleon Skousen

W. Cleon Skousen, SA

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NAME Skousen W. Clean TITLE OF POSITION Special Agent
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 (Use legal signature and PRINT) PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT
 EDUCATION: 6 - 24 - 40 SA
 College or ENTERED ON DUTY Oct 26 1935 CIA
 University George Washington University Month Day Year

Location Washington D.C. Degrees LLB Major Pol. Sci Minor History
 City State

Federal District of Columbia Year 1939 CPA

BARS: State Year State Year

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY: PROFICIENCY

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| Language | Read: | Excellent | Good | Fair |
| | Speak (Converse): | Excellent | Good | Fair |
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Source of proficiency: Native Tongue Academic Years Studied SIS

Foreign Travel Countries Length Dates

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Foreign Travel Countries Length Dates

List any DIALECTS you are familiar with and your proficiency

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (Give detailed information regarding previous employment, it is not necessary to list name of employer, but state type of duties performed and what capacity.)

TYPE OF WORK and IN WHAT CAPACITY

PROFICIENCY

YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE

| | | |
|--|-------------|----------|
| <u>Construction foreman (Highway Construction)</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>3</u> |
| <u>Teletype Operator</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>3</u> |
| <u>Switchboard Operator</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>2</u> |
| <u>Missionary (L.D.S.)</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>2</u> |
| <u>Chiropractor</u> | | |
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VOCATIONS and AVOCATIONS: Give detailed information regarding any special knowledge, abilities, talents, hobbies, trades, etc., you possess, including athletics.)

| | PROFICIENCY | YEARS OF EXPERIENCE |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Amateur Dramatics | Good | 10 years |
| Public Speaking | Good | 17 years |
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ORGANIZATIONS: (List all organizations to which you belong, including FRATERNITIES)

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| ✓ Phi Alpha Delta (legal fraternity) | Washington | D.C. |
| | City | State |
| ✓ L.D.S. Church | Washington | D.C. |
| | City | State |
| | City | State |
| | City | State |

FOREIGN TRAVEL: (List all foreign countries you have traveled in)

| COUNTRY | IN WHAT CAPACITY | DATES (No. of months, etc) |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| ✓ Canada | Born There. Student | 1913 - 1923 |
| ✓ Mexico | Student | 1926-1928 |
| ✓ England | Missionary | 18 Months |
| ✓ Ireland | Missionary | 6 Months |
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MILITARY TRAINING: List any experience in any branch of the armed forces, or special training you have had. If you have had service in any military capacity, state branch, rank and number of years.)

None

SPECIALIZED BUREAU TRAINING and EXPERIENCE: (Check any of the following training you have had.)

DATES

DATES

____ Asiatic School

____ Locks

____ European School

____ Chamfering

____ SIS School

____ Secret Inks

____ Police Liaison School

____ Sound

____ Police Instructor's School

____ Microphotography

____ Major Case School

____ Tamper Proofing

____ Chief Clerk's School

____ Moulage

✓ Firearms Expert School

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____ Typewriting Alignment

____ Field Supervisor's School

____ Supervisor's School

____ Communism

____ ASAC School

____ General Investigative

____ SAC School

____ Security

____ Inspector's School

✓ Selective Service

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED BUREAU SPEAKER?

Yes

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN SIS ASSIGNMENT?

No

LOCATION DESIRED

RADIO - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (State degree of proficiency and length of time spent in the following.)

1. Education or Teaching Experience in:

a. Communications or Radio Engineering

b. Electrical Engineering

c. College Physics

d. Vocational or other Radio School

2. Practical Experience in Radio:

a. Employment as Radio, Electrical or Communications Engineer or Technician

b. Amateur Radio Licenses Held

c. Commercial Radio Operator

d. Radio or Sound Repairman or Technician

e. Experimenter or other _____

f. International Morse Code: - Transmit _____ W.P.M. - Receive _____ W.P.M.

g. Technical Knowledge of any Electronic Devices _____

TYPING ABILITY 55 Words per Minute SHORTHAND ABILITY None Words per Minute

MISCELLANEOUS: (List any other information, qualifications and accomplishments.)



W. Leon Hansen

Room 2244

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington D. C.
May 29, 1940

SIR:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent (Law Trained) ☒
Special Agent (Accountant) ☐
Stenographer ☐
Typist ☐
Messenger ☐
Laboratory Technician* ☐
Student Fingerprint Classifier ☐
(Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) *Skousen Willard Clean*
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name

2. Legal residence *San Bernardino, California*

3. Mail and telegraphic address *203 George Mason Drive*
Arlington, Virginia Phone No. *Ch. 2466*

4. Date of birth *1-20-13* Weight *158* Height *5'9"* Color *White*
(Without Shoes)

5. Place of birth *Raymond, Alberta, Canada*

6. (a) Father's name *Roy Skousen* (b) Father's birthplace *Arizona*

7. (a) Mother's maiden name *Rita Bentley* (b) Mother's birthplace *St. George, Utah*

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? *Since 1923*

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? *Yes*

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization

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11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? *Married*
(Specify)

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed *67-NO 69602-65*

13. Number of children, if any *One*

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? *Yes*

15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? *Department of Justice Credit Union \$60.00*

*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

16. Education: (Please print.)

| | NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL | FROM— | TO— | COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|--|
| (a) Elementary | Raymond, Alberta, Canada. Grammar | | | |
| | Grammar, Terrence, California | 1919 | 1925 | |
| | Sturges Junior High | | | |
| | San Bernardino, California | 1925 | 1926 | |
| | Juarez Stake Academy | | | |
| (b) High school equivalent | Col. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mex. | 1926 | 1928 | |
| | San Bernardino High School | | | |
| | San Bernardino, California | 1928 | 1930 | Diploma |
| | San Bernardino Junior College | | | |
| (c) College or technical * | San Bernardino, California | 1933 | 1935 | Assoc. of Arts |
| | Geo. Washington University | | | |
| | Washington D.C. | 1935 | 1940 | L.L.B. |
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| (d) Miscellaneous * | | | | |
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17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Phi Alpha Delta (Legal)

18. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify District of Columbia

19. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any

Use glasses for studying

20. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):

Health record good except for occasional cold

* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

21. Experience: (Please print.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER | POSITION AND KIND OF WORK | FROM— | TO— | ANNUAL SALARY |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Name <u>Agri. Adj. Administration</u> Address <u>Washington D.C.</u> | <u>Clerical</u> | <u>June 1935</u> | <u>Oct. 1935</u> | <u>\$1620</u> |
| Name <u>Fed. Bur. of Invest.</u> Address <u>Washington D.C.</u> | <u>Clerical</u> | <u>Oct. 1935</u> | <u>Present Time</u> | <u>\$1200 - \$2,000</u> |
| Name _____ Address _____ | | | | |
| Name _____ Address _____ | | | | |
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| Name _____ Address _____ | | | | |
| Name _____ Address _____ | | | | |
| Name _____ Address _____ | | | | |

22. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests)

Two minor Traffic violations in California
Two parking violations Washington D.C.

23. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No

Specify: _____

24. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

| NAME | RESIDENCE ADDRESS | NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED | BUSINESS ADDRESS. |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>Sterling Wheelwright</u> | <u>2810 16th, Wash, D.C.</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>Same</u> |
| 2. <u>Dr. Ed. B. Brassard</u> | <u>1629 Col. Rd. Wash D.C.</u> <u>3131 16th ST. N.W.</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>Tariff Comm. No. 3951</u> |
| 3. <u>Dr. Ralph Stevenson</u> | <u>Washington D.C.</u> <u>5508 130th N.W.</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>Same</u> |
| 4. <u>E.L. Wilkinson</u> | <u>Washington D.C.</u> <u>1754 Troy Street #678</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>Earle Bldg. Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Agriculture</u> |
| 5. <u>L. Manwarring</u> | <u>Arlington, Virginia</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>Re. 4142, Br. 4222</u> |

25. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

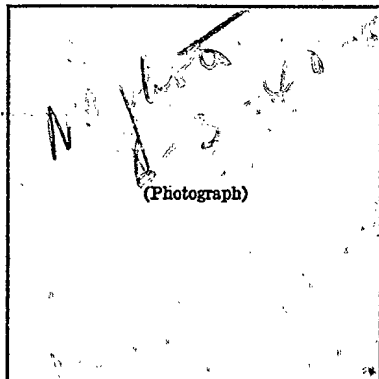
26. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? \$ 3,200

27. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? Yes Without previous notice

28. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes

29. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes

30. Attach unmounted face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.



Respectfully,

[Signature]
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 31st day of May, 1940, at city (or town) of Washington, county of -----, and State (or Territory or District) of Columbia

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

[Signature]
(Signature of officer)
Notary Public
(Official title)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/29/59

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (1-4)

SUBJECT: FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
RETRAINING SESSION
SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

Remylet dated 5/28/59, outlining the program to be followed at the Salt Lake City Division Retraining Session enlisting Inspector WILLIAM SULLIVAN of the FBI as the key speaker.

Inasmuch as Inspector SULLIVAN cannot be available for this occasion, the Bureau is requested to advise as soon as possible if there are any objections to an invitation being extended to Chief of Police W. Cleon Skousen, a former Special Agent and author of the book The Naked Communist, to talk at the retraining session on the subject of Communism as generally outlined in his book. Chief SKOUSEN, as you know, is an excellent public speaker, is well received by all law enforcement officers in this part of the country and has often been publicized in connection with his book as one being capable of talking on the subject. The Retraining Session, of course, will be a closed session and I believe the appearance of Chief SKOUSEN in this capacity would lend local interest to the Retraining Session.

Chief SKOUSEN, of course, will not be contacted until the Bureau's reply is received.

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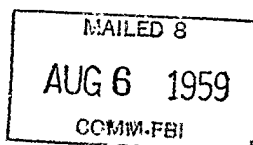
FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
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SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

Reurlet 7/29/59.

Bureau does not desire that you invite Chief of Police W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City, former Special Agent, to discuss the subject of communism at the above-captioned retraining session. If you wish to invite Chief Skousen to discuss some other topic, Bureau has no objection.

NOTE:

It is not believed that it would be desirable to have a former Special Agent discuss communism at a National Academy retraining session.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 6, 1959

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: DR. ROBERT E. RIGGS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Los Angeles, by airtel received letter dated 6-29-59 from Dr. William E. Fort who stated he is temporarily teaching a course in "isms" at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. He related two students, George Edward Doty and Thomas Locke Conway, were talking to him and told him that Dr. Robert E. Riggs, who recently came to Brigham Young as a political science teacher, advised them not to read Director's book "Masters of Deceit" or "The Naked Communist" by Cleon Skousen, Salt Lake City Chief of Police and former FBI Agent. Riggs, according to Fort, told these two students both the Director and Chief Skousen have been so much immersed in filth for so long that they are, therefore, prejudiced. He told them to stay away from books that are biased or prejudiced.

Dr. Fort, President of Deep Springs College, Deep Springs, California, has been in contact with the Bureau since 1955 furnishing rumors, unverified information and wild charges of communist sympathy on the part of various individuals. He habitually accuses those who disagree with him of being communists and has been in conflict with officials at both Rollins College where he formerly was associated and at Deep Springs College, and he has tried to bring us into those conflicts. We have instructed our Los Angeles Office to be most circumspect in any dealings with Dr. Fort and take no action which could be interpreted as interfering in the internal affairs of the college.

(S) Bufiles indicate an individual subsequently identified as Robert Edwin Riggs, possibly identical with the individual referred to by Fort, visited the Soviet Delegation to the United Nations for five minutes on 3-5-55.

on 3-7-55 the Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations. Investigation determined he was majoring in political science and international affairs and doing graduate work at the University of Illinois at that time. He was born 6-24-27 at Mesa, Arizona, and previously attended Brigham Young University, University of Arizona and Oxford University, Oxford, England. Springfield and Phoenix Offices reported no derogatory information in their files concerning Riggs and no additional investigation was conducted concerning the contacts in view of the likelihood these were in connection with his academic work. (105-36626)

Enclosure sent 7-7-59

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: DR. ROBERT E. RIGGS

Cleon Skousen entered on duty as a messenger on 10-24-35; as an Agent on 6-17-40; and resigned effective 10-5-51 to accept post as Assistant to the President of Brigham Young University. His services were considered satisfactory. He became Chief of Police of Salt Lake City in June, 1956. In 1958, his book "The Naked Communist" was published and has been reviewed by the Bureau which book deals with the broad aspects of international communism and its goal of world conquest. We have had very cordial relations with Skousen. (67-69602)

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning Thomas Locke Conway.

Our files do contain references to George Edward Doty, who may be identical with one of the students mentioned by Fort, who was born 3-21-35 at St. Anthony, Idaho, and who was an applicant for a clerical position with the Bureau in 1953. No subversive derogatory information was developed other than that his uncle had signed a 1940 Communist Party nominating petition in Illinois. Doty was not appointed. (61-516069)

Los Angeles advised that unless advised to the contrary by 7-8-59, the Salt Lake City Office should contact Fort and the two students for complete information concerning the alleged statements of Riggs and, thereafter, if Riggs did, in fact, make the remarks attributed to him, contact Riggs and point out to him the Director's book is based on facts, was fairly and impartially written and the Bureau does not appreciate his unwarranted remarks. It appears these are appropriate instructions with the exception that in view of Fort's background, it is not believed necessary that he be contacted since the two students are the source of this report and should be able to advise exactly what Riggs told them.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, there is attached a teletype to Salt Lake City, with copies by mail to Los Angeles, instructing Salt Lake City to immediately interview George Edward Doty and Thomas Locke Conway for complete information concerning the statements made by Dr. Robert E. Riggs. Thereafter, if it is determined Riggs, in fact, made the remarks attributed to him, Salt Lake City should contact Riggs; advise him the Director's book is based on facts; was fairly and impartially written with no indication of prejudice whatsoever; and the Bureau, therefore, does not appreciate his unwarranted remarks. If Riggs did, in fact, make the statement that the Director has been so much immersed in filth he is prejudiced, such an unfounded accusation should not go unchallenged.

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(COMMUNISM)

NEW YORK--SALT LAKE CITY POLICE CHIEF H. CLEON SKOUSEN SAID TODAY AT THE CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHIEFS OF POLICE THAT COMMUNISM IS A SERIOUSLY NEGLECTED AREA OF POLICE WORK.

THE LEGITIMATE POLICE AGENCIES OF THE FREE WORLD ARE A MAJOR TARGET OF THE COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN, SKOUSEN SAID. IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT POLICE OF OUR NATION BECOME BETTER INFORMED ON THE SUBJECT, HE ADDED.

SKOUSEN, WHO WAS WITH THE FBI FOR 16 YEARS, WAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AT BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE BEING DRAFTED AS POLICE CHIEF OF SALT LAKE CITY. AUTHOR OF "THE NAKED COMMUNIST," HE SAID THAT AFTER THE VISIT OF SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOW ARE ASKING FOUR BASIC QUESTIONS: (1) ARE COMMUNISTS CHANGING? (2) IS KHRUSHCHEV SINCERE? (3) IS CO-EXISTENCE THE WAY TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE, AND (4) WHY WOULDN'T FREE TRADE WITH THE REDS BE DESIRABLE?

SKOUSEN IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS, SAID THAT ALL POLICIES PRESENTLY BEING FOLLOWED BY KHRUSHCHEV WERE WRITTEN INTO THE RED TIMETABLE OF CONQUEST AS FAR BACK AS 1933 AND OUTLINED BY DMITRY KAMULISKY.

KHRUSHCHEV WAS VERY SENSITIVE ON THIS POINT THROUGHOUT HIS VISIT, THE POLICE CHIEF SAID. HOWEVER STUDENTS OF COMMUNISM RECOGNIZED ALL OF HIS PROPOSALS AS STANDARD PROPAGANDA.

"KHRUSHCHEV'S OBJECTIVE IS TO GET A PROMISE OF NON-RESISTANCE FROM THE WEST WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE REDS TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF PAST AGGRESSION WITHOUT FEAR OF REPRISAL," HE SAID. IT IS AN EFFORT TO HAVE THE U.S. WRITE OFF THE SATELLITES AND THE MILLIONS OF CAPTIVE PEOPLES AS A LOST CAUSE.

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W. CLEON SKOUSEN
CHIEF OF POLICE

SALT LAKE CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT



SALT LAKE CITY 11, UTAH

October 17, 1959

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is a great pleasure to send you a personal copy of the 1958 Annual Report of the Salt Lake City Police Department. Nineteen fifty-eight was a source of particular satisfaction to the members of the Department because it began to show the fruits of the Department's reorganization.

As always we have been most grateful for the assistance, encouragement and service rendered by the F. B. I. both locally and in Washington.

Many thanks and warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

W. Cleon Skousen,
Chief of Police.

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October 29, 1959

Mr. W. Cleon Skousen
Chief of Police
Salt Lake City 11, Utah

My dear Chief:

I was indeed pleased to receive the inscribed copy of the 1958 Annual Report of your department which you enclosed with your letter of October 17, 1959. I have noted with interest your references to the FBI in the report and am looking forward to the opportunity to read the report in full. It was most kind of you to make it available to me.

You know, of course, we stand ready to assist you and your department in every way possible; therefore, do not hesitate to call on us whenever we can be of service.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Salt Lake City - Enclosure

NOTE: Chief Skousen is a former Special Agent EOD 10-24-35 as clerk, 6-17-40 as SA, resigned 10-5-51. Services satisfactory and relations cordial since resignation.

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**POLICE TRAINING
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

By letter 11/2/59, SAC Wyly, Salt Lake City, advises that during recent contact with Sociology Department, University of Utah, Professor Anton S. Cannon, former Bureau Agent, indicated that a schedule of criminology courses for police will be presented by above-mentioned department in the school year 1959-1960. Professor Cannon indicated the courses will be well attended by officers of Salt Lake City Police Department, and if interest in and attendance at such courses increases during the next 2 or 3 years, plans will be formulated for a Police Training Institute at the University of Utah. He stated that among courses to be presented during 1959-1960 are police training subjects which will be handled by him and 3 other former Bureau Agents - Dr. Rex A. Skidmore, David B. Dee, and Chief of Police W. Cleon Shousen, Salt Lake City, and several related topics in field of sociology will be taught by University of Utah professors.

SAC Wyly comments that Salt Lake City does not intend to participate in these courses at University of Utah.

Bufiles contain following information concerning above-mentioned former Special Agents:

Rex Austin Skidmore entered on duty as Special Agent 1/4/43, and resigned effective 11/30/45 to accept a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Work at University of Utah. Services satisfactory.

David Bingham Dee entered on duty as Special Agent 12/4/50 and resigned effective 7/23/54 to return to his parents' home in Salt Lake City because of pressing family problems. Services satisfactory. By letter 9/2/59 to the Director, Mr. Dee

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1 - Bufile 94-1-5659 (General File, University of Utah)

1 - Personnel file former SA Rex A. Skidmore

1 - Personnel file former SA Anthon S. Cannon

1 - Personnel file former SA David B. Dee

① - Personnel file former SA W. Cleon Shousen

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

Re: Police Training, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

advised that, in view of his educational background and his experience as a Bureau Agent, he had been requested to serve as a lecturer in the newly developing Department of Criminology at the University of Utah. Mr. Dee stated Professor Cannon, mentioned above, had indicated the University of Utah is developing a school of criminology at the suggestion of Chief of Police Skousen, Salt Lake City, as Chief Skousen feels the school will increase the level of law enforcement in the state. Mr. Dee requested to be placed on mailing list for FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and also requested other general investigative material for use in the instruction he is to present. He was furnished such material and was advised he would be furnished copies of Law Enforcement Bulletin on continuing basis.

Anthony Steffensen Cannon entered on duty as Special Agent 12/15/41, and resigned effective 3/29/47 to accept position as Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Work at University of Utah. Services satisfactory; however, by letter 7/28/50, SAC, Salt Lake City, stated he seriously doubted that he would recommend Cannon favorably if he were applying for position as Special Agent at that time, as he recalled Cannon was never an outstanding Agent, and he (SAC) had been advised that Cannon had seemed to have a rather exalted opinion of his own ability and considered routine investigative work a little beneath his dignity. SAC, Salt Lake City, forwarded above comments in connection with consideration of re-employment of former Special Agents.

Willard Cleon Skousen entered on duty with FBI 10/24/35 as a messenger and became Special Agent 6/17/40. He resigned 10/5/51 to accept position as Executive Assistant to President of Brigham Young University. Services satisfactory. He became Chief of Police at Salt Lake City in June, 1956. Bureau has enjoyed cordial correspondence with him since his resignation. In March, 1958, he forwarded to the Director a leather bound, personally inscribed copy of his book "The Naked Communist."

Our Salt Lake City Office participates in training for the Salt Lake City Police Department, and is scheduled to take part in an In-Service School for that department 1/20-2/28/60. It is our general policy to participate in police training at educational institutions only if the training is sponsored by law enforcement, no tuition fees are charged, and only full-time police are in attendance. Since the criminology courses referred to above are a project of the University of Utah, we would not ordinarily participate.

ACTION:

For information.

W. Cleon Skousen

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attached are the twelfth and
thirteenth articles of a series,
"So That's What Boys Are Made
Of," which is written by Mr.
Skousen.

No reference is made to the
Director or FBI.

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November 16, 1959

Mr. W. Cleon Skousen
Chief of Police
Salt Lake City 11, Utah

My dear Chief:

The two issues of "Era" containing the twelfth and thirteenth articles of the series "So That's What Boys Are Made Of" were received on November 10, 1959, and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in forwarding them to me.

I have enjoyed reading this timely series which deals with a topic so vital to the welfare of our Nation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Chief Skousen is a former SA who EOD 6-17-40 and resigned 10-15-51. Services satisfactory. We have had cordial relations with him in his capacity as Chief of Police and he previously forwarded other copies of this series.

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Free World Urged To Pressure Reds

The United States and its non-Communist allies can win the cold war now by peaceful means, an expert on communism said here yesterday.

He is W. Cleon Skousen, Salt Lake City chief of police, author of the book, "The Naked Communist," and a former FBI official. Skousen spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the San Diego Club.

He also spoke last night in the club at the annual meeting of the San Diego County Medical Society.

Population Increase Cited

In his address and in a subsequent interview, Skousen said the United States and its allies can end communism by exerting political and economic pressures.

"If we forced communism to live behind the Iron Curtain, it would strangle itself," Skousen said. "Its rapidly increasing population could never withstand isolation of that kind."

He said Communist nations should be excluded from the United Nations and that free world nations should sever diplomatic relations with non-Communist countries.

'Trade Cut-off Feared'

Economic sanctions would cut off trade with the Communist world "and make them prove their socialism alone behind the Iron Curtain," he said.

"The Russians fear this more than anything else," he said.

"We can win and we can do it without a major war by using the peaceful tools now in our hands."

Skousen described this approach to the Cold War as "more powerful than the atomic bomb."

He said these pressures should be applied after the non-Communist nations had demanded that the Russians permit free elections in Iron Curtain countries.

'Military Policy Succeeds'

"The free world has never been in a stronger position to say to the Russians, 'We are ready to have free elections behind the Iron Curtain un-

der the supervision of the United Nations,'" he said.

"If the Russians fail to do so, we can use our powerful peaceful approach."

The U.S. policy of "military isolation" already has proved a success in the cold war struggle, Skousen said.

"This has been a policy of not giving up one inch of ground to the Communists," he said.

"It has brought the Communist timetable of expansion to a standstill."

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RE: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
CHIEF OF POLICE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH;
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W. CLEON SKOUSEN
'It would strangle'

to Western officials have shown that the timetable had called for capitulation and destruction of the capitalist countries no later than 1973.

"During and immediately after World War II, we lost hundreds of millions of people to the Communists, not only by Red aggression, but by the maneuvering of our left-wing diplomats," he said. →

But the Korean War was the turning point and resulted in the policy of military isolation of Communist countries, Skousen said.

SAN DIEGO EVENING TRIBUNE
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *Albro*

DATE: December 9, 1959

FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*SUBJECT: CHIEF OF POLICE W. CLEON SKOUSEN
SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

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Rumor of New Position

Agents of the Salt Lake City office recently learned that prominent individuals in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are considering Chief Skousen for the Presidency of Ricks Junior College at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Ricks Junior College is co-educational, with an enrollment of 700 students and 48 faculty members. The college was established in 1888 at Rexburg, Idaho, and is presently being rebuilt at Idaho Falls.

Church Appointment

Chief Skousen's appointment reportedly will be offered by Dr. Ernest Wilkinson, President of Brigham Young University, who is also head of the education program of the Mormon Church. Dr. Wilkinson is allegedly a close friend of Chief Skousen's, and previously appointed him Business Relations Director of Brigham Young University prior to becoming Chief of the Salt Lake City Police Department. (Current Developments in Criminal Matters--Crimdel--Salt Lake City, 12-3-59; The World Almanac 1959, p. 478).

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CENTRAL RESEARCH

Memorandum to Mr. A. H. Belmont
Re: Chief of Police W. Cleon Skousen
Salt Lake City Police Department

was appointed Chief of Police of Salt Lake City in June, 1956. In 1958, his book The Naked Communist was published and has been reviewed by the Bureau. The book deals with the broad aspect of international communism and its goal of world conquest. The Bureau has had very cordial relations with Skousen. (67-69602)

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (63-4296)

DATE: 1/18/60

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (66-1567)

SUBJECT: CRIMDEL - CRS *PX*

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POLICE DEPARTMENT - SALT LAKE CITY

During the political campaign for Mayor, Salt Lake City, November 1959, many statements were made on television, radio, and in the press that should J. BRACKET LEE be elected Mayor W. CLEON SKOUSEN (former SA) would be removed from his position as Chief of Police, Salt Lake City. *U1 11*

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Mr. LEE took office as Mayor 1/1/60 and in the Commission form of government in Salt Lake City there was assigned to him as his chief responsibility the Police and Fire Departments. There has been much conjecture subsequent to that time as to whether Mayor LEE would request the resignation of Chief SKOUSEN.

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Chief SKOUSEN has advised that shortly after taking office Mayor LEE called SKOUSEN to the Mayor's Office and laid before him a list of allegations received by the Mayor as to alleged deficiencies within the Police Department. The Chief stated he answered the allegations one by one and in most instances was able to provide records to substantiate the Police version of the allegations. According to the Chief, Mayor LEE then stated he had obviously been very misinformed and stated he would back the Police Department 100 per cent as long as they continued to function efficiently. The Mayor pledged full support in assisting the Police in carrying out their obligations.

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SKOUSEN told the Mayor that some of the people who had supported the Mayor in his campaign might well be arrested in the near future for law violations, at which time the Mayor replied that was the duty of the Police Department; that the Mayor was not cognizant of the background of many of the people who had supported him; and that the Mayor would assist in any way possible in bringing about justice regardless of the political backgrounds of those involved.

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Chief SKOUSEN is of the opinion the Salt Lake City Police Department will be able to proceed with the program initiated prior to the time Mayor LEE took office and already Mayor LEE has been responsible in effecting some minor changes requested by Chief SKOUSEN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: February 2, 1960

FROM : MR. J. F. MALONE

SUBJECT: CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
SELECTION OF CHIEF OF POLICE

67-278-29

SAC Hennrich called from Philadelphia at 1:20 PM today, February 2, 1960, to advise that today's Philadelphia Bulletin carried a front page article which reports that Thomas J. Gibbons, Commissioner of Police, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had been called to Chicago to be interviewed by the committee who is selecting a Chief of Police.

Gibbons had informed Hennrich that he was going to appear before the committee but desired that nothing get into the press until he had returned. SAC Hennrich states obviously someone close to Gibbons has furnished the information to the press along with Gibbons' background.

The article further reports that the Chicago committee has on file some 250 applications but only 25 are receiving serious consideration. Allegedly among the leading contenders are Donald S. Hostetter, SAC, Detroit; W. Cleon Skousen, Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, and former Bureau employee; and Daniel V. Gallery, U. S. Navy.

RECOMMENDATION:

None for your information.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (63-4296)

DATE: 3/25/60

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (66-1567)SUBJECT: CRIMDEL - CRSW. CLEON SKOUSEN
Former SA and Chief
of Police

On 3/25/60 Mr. SKOUSEN advised the mass meetings and wide publicity in the press, radio and television were quite embarrassing to him and he had just held a meeting with the publisher of the SALT LAKE TRIBUNE in an effort to cause the publishing of an editorial which would bring the matter of his dismissal as Chief of Police to a close.

In strict confidence he stated J. K. PIERCEY, the new Commissioner of Public Safety, who will have the responsibility of naming the new Chief of Police, has indirectly sought his advice. It had been the definite desire of the City Commission to secure the replacement from outside the Police Department and to obtain the services of an FBI man. They have been unsuccessful in locating such a man who met their qualifications. He felt under the circumstances probably the best man to carry on his program would be Captain RALPH C. KNUDSON, who is a National Academy Graduate and a very good friend of the FBI. Captain KNUDSON is currently with the Salt Lake City Police Department. Commenting on public and personal approaches that he run for the U. S. Senate or other public office, SKOUSEN stated he has no political aspirations at this time.

As to his future, SKOUSEN advised for the next thirty days he intends to devote full time to completing a book long in the process of preparation pertaining to the rearing of children, which book will be published by Doubleday Press.

Since his dismissal he has received flattering offers of employment from large commercial firms from various parts of the United States and mentioned specifically in this regard one from American Can at a salary of \$30,000 per annum.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 31, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: **CLEON SKOUSEN**
FORMERLY CHIEF OF POLICE
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By reference from the Director's Office, I talked with Mayor J. V. Bracken Lee who was calling long distance from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mayor Lee informed me he was having difficulty "with this fellow Cleon Skousen." He then asked if Skousen had been an FBI Agent. I told Mayor Lee that Skousen had served in the Bureau. Mayor Lee then wanted to know if Skousen had served in just one office or a number of offices. I told him Skousen had seen extensive service. He wanted to know if Skousen had resigned on his own accord or had he been kicked out. I told him that Skousen had resigned on his own accord in good graces and that we frankly knew nothing derogatory concerning Skousen's background or character.

Mayor Lee seemed rather disappointed in hearing the above comments. He concluded the conversation by asking that his regards be given to the Director.

As a matter of background, we have received information from our Salt Lake City Office indicating that Mayor Lee had dismissed Skousen as Chief of Police of Salt Lake City because Chief Skousen had refused to allow strip-tease shows and gambling take place in Salt Lake City. There is considerable controversy currently in Salt Lake City as a result of this matter. Mayor Lee was obviously seeking ammunition which he could use against Skousen.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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Mayor, Citizens Thrust, Parry on Police Setup

By Clarence D. Williams
Tribune Staff Writer

Mayor J. Bracken Lee and the chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Honest Law Enforcement engaged in a "verbal duel" at the Thursday Salt Lake City Commission session over the dismissal of former Police Chief W. Cleon Skousen.

RICHARD K. Winters, committee chairman, said his organization felt that former Chief Skousen's administration the last three years had grown up to "represent something—honest police enforcement."

He said the group was interested in seeing that there was no effort to relax the law or to sacrifice "something which is of so much value to the people."

"**I BELIEVE** the citizens of Salt Lake City are interested in honest law enforcement," asserted Mr. Winters.

Mayor Lee interjected to say that he respected Mr. Winters and his group, but believed there was an "implication that I do not stand for law enforcement."

"**THERE IS NO** place in my

record to indicate I ever stood for anything but honest law enforcement and I don't like the implication that I would not," said Mayor Lee. "I have affidavits to prove we have had bad law enforcement."

"I resent the implication I'm not for law enforcement," continued the mayor. "I'm sick

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SALT LAKE TRIBUNE
Salt Lake City, Utah

FRIDAY MORNING
April 1, 1960

W. CLEON SKOUSEN
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former Agent
SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

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Lee, Citizens 'Duel' on Police Chief

and tired of this type of propaganda."

MR. WINTERS said he arrived with committee members "without fanfare because the vast majority supporting us are at work."

He explained his committee came into existence about a week ago and its goal was the return of former Chief Skousen as police chief if at all possible. He said that his group had received some 7,000 signatures on petitions seeking to have the commission retain Mr. Skousen. He said the committee would not now file the petitions with the commission.

HE SAID what was done was according to law, relative to the removal of the former chief.

"We do believe Chief Skousen represented something dear to the hearts of our citizens and gave us something we have not had—at least to the degree he gave us—honest, efficient police administration," said Mr. Winters. "Regardless of any budget and economy reasons, the committee believed the people are willing to pay a good price for good law enforcement."

MR. WINTERS said committee members had talked to Public Safety Commissioner J. K. Piercey for an hour before coming to the meeting. He said Mr. Piercey promised he would do everything in "his power to appoint a police chief who will give the city the type of law enforcement it had under Chief Skousen."

Mr. Winters told Mayor Lee the committee had not come forth to "try you as mayor of Price or as governor of Utah."

MAYOR LEE asked: "Is that a threat?"

Mr. Winters said he felt many things should be brought out.

"I want you to feel our appearance here is not a threat," he said. "We are here for good law enforcement and if we sat idly by and did not rise we would feel we were not doing our duty."

MAYOR LEE said the group was hearing a lot of false stories. He asked if there was anything political in the move.

"Aren't you a relative of Sen. Bennett?" asked Mayor Lee.

Mr. Winters replied that Sen. Bennett was his uncle.

"I perhaps have embarrassed my uncle," he said. "I have not spoken to my uncle about this."

MAYOR LEE said it seemed that the "young people don't care what happens to government. It is spending your money but you don't care. You get off on the idea Chief Skousen is the only chief of police. I venture to say other cities would not have him as chief of police."

Mr. Winters said perhaps other cities didn't want honest law enforcement.

MAYOR LEE said that he would rather be tried than accused and invited Mr. Winters to "get busy and get evidence."

Lionel M. Farr, member of the committee, and an attorney, told the mayor there were no "political implications whatever." He said the people who had responded hadn't taken any political lines at all.

DEBATED IN SALT LAKE CITY

Police Chief Is Dismissed—
He Charges Mayor With
'Softness' on Gambling

Salt Lake City, March 26
—Mayor J. Bracken Lee of Salt
Lake City persuaded his fellow
City Commissioners this week
to dismiss Police Chief W. Cleon
Skousen. In so doing, he set off
a political storm that is still
raging.

After his ouster, Chief Skousen
appeared on three television
broadcasts and half-a-dozen
radio programs. He accused
Mayor Lee, a former Governor,
of "softness" toward gambling
and vice—and he said the Mayor
had been present at a horse-race
gambling game that the police
had raided.

Later in the week Mayor Lee
voted to remove himself as head
of the Public Safety Department,
in which he supervised the
police force. He took over the
Finance Department.

During the heat of battle
housewives swarmed to the City
Commission chambers to up-
braid Mayor Lee. They organized
protest meets and called
for a law authorizing the recall
of city officials.

Declines Debated

The arguments intensified,
and Mayor Lee, seen and heard
weekly on a public service tele-
vision program refused free time
offered by the city's three tele-
vision stations to debate Chief
Skousen.

However, addressing a non-
televised luncheon meeting of
the Exchange Club in Provo,
some thirty-five miles south of
Salt Lake City, Mayor Lee de-
clared that Chief Skousen had
been dismissed because of "in-
subordination" and for "trying
to get something on me."

Whether the "something" in-
cluded the raid on a horse-
racing game at the Ambassador
Club, where the Mayor report-
edly was in attendance, Mr. Lee
would neither confirm nor deny.
Chief Skousen was ousted
by a 3-2 vote of the
Commission, on a motion
by Mayor Lee.

In statements preceding the
chief's dismissal, Mayor Lee
had urged such economies as a
cut in uniform allowances for
non-uniformed members of the
police and the dismissal of three
assistant chiefs.

Chief Skousen said Mayor Lee
did not want strict enforcement
of gambling, vice and liquor
laws, but sought "a double
standard." He told television
and radio audiences that all pos-
sible economy steps had been
taken and that further cutbacks
would injure the department
morale and hinder police work.

Wednesday, after obtaining a
vote of confidence, Mayor Lee
put through a reorganization of
the Commission's assignments.

The mayor gave up the Public
Safety Department to Commis-
sioner J. H. Piercey, former city
fire chief who had been serving
as Water Commissioner.

Commissioner Theodore I.
Gentry, who for some months
has been battling charges that
he permitted the use of city
trucks and workers in improv-
ing his house and yard, switched
from the Finance Department
to the Water Department.

Mayor Lee was named to
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Chief Skousen's Discharge Shocks City

Discharge of Chief of Police Skousen by City Commission Monday night caused a distinct shock to Salt Lake City.

Despite indications of disharmony between Mayor Lee and the chief during the past several weeks, ostensibly over budgetary matters, the precipitous action by which the chief was immediately dismissed by a three to two commission vote was not anticipated.

The result was that the citizenry, unaware of the possible real causes behind the sudden action, groped for an answer.

PUBLIC REACTION was varied and divided along lines of personal allegiance. Supporters of both the mayor and Chief Skousen let their feelings be known through telephone calls to The Tribune and other media. This was followed by a noisy demonstration by some 75 persons at a meeting of the City Commission on Tuesday. The group repeatedly booed the mayor.

Arguments over Police Department economies and efficiency have been published by Mayor Lee and Chief Skousen of late. But it is now apparent the debate played only a small part as a lead to the action of Monday night.

The public is entitled to further clarification.

Some light was cast upon the matter in separate public statements Tuesday. Mayor Lee and Chief Skousen, but the fundamental reason is not completely clear. Mayor Lee, in a speech in Provo, stated that the chief was fired because of "subordination" and because he "was not to get something on me." The chief gave greatest emphasis by Chief Skousen related to divergence of views between him and the mayor relative to law enforcement policies in regard to vice and traffic.

The chief also contended there were important differences on matters of administration and record-keeping.

MAYOR LEE has not as yet answered questions. He can be expected to do so perhaps thus aid public enlightenment.

On the matter of law there is no question of the right of a majority of the City Commission to discharge a chief of police and appoint a new official.

Commissioners Geurts and Romney voted with the mayor, while Commissioners Christensen and Romney opposed the motion.

Commissioners Geurts and Romney explained their votes by referring to an additional "political etiquette" by which department heads are allowed to select their own appointees.

BUT THERE STILL was no opportunity for open discussion or public expression. This in itself may well raise questions in the public mind in addition to those already expressed by Skousen supporters.

Seeds for the current disagreement certainly were planted during last fall's mayoralty campaign when the chief's future unfortunately was made a campaign issue.

Although there were some indications that differences between the mayor and the chief might be resolved, this did not materialize. And while there have been suggestions for a reconsideration of Monday's commission action, this is entirely unrealistic.

Obviously the scars of the battle will not heal too rapidly.

The public can only hope for an immediate and effective replacement of Chief Skousen before deterioration sets in in a Police Department without a permanent head. (Late Tuesday the mayor indicated he might consider making Captain L. C. Crowther, now acting, permanent chief of police.)

Chief Skousen has held his position for nearly four years. During that time he has done an outstanding job of reorganizing and strengthening the force. It is to his credit that he leaves a department far more efficient and with a far more enviable record than was the case when he took over on June 8, 1956.

IT IS NOW the responsibility of the mayor to maintain that efficiency and record. He must name a capable successor without delay, for there should be no suggestion that the people of Salt Lake City want a less effective police organization or a trend toward "opening up" the force.

As to Chief Skousen, the community owes him a vote of thanks for his past service and his responsiveness to duty.

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THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
MARCH 23, 1960

EDITORIAL

ARTHUR C. DECK,
Executive Editor

Submitted by
Salt Lake City Office

RE: FORMER SA
W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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- Miss Gandy

Mayor BRACKEN LEE of Salt Lake City, Utah, telephoned through operator and secretary from Salt Lake City for the Director. He was advised of the Director's absence and referred to Mr. DeLoach.

Mr. DeLoach has advised that Mayor Lee stated "a fellow by the name of Cleon Skousen is giving (the Mayor) some difficulty." Mr. Lee inquired if Skousen had ever worked for the FBI and he was told that Skousen had been an Agent. He then asked if Skousen had served in only one office or in many offices, and he was told that Skousen had had extensive experience. Mr. Lee then asked if Skousen had been fired or had resigned of his own accord, and he was told that he had resigned of his own accord and that the Bureau knew of nothing derogatory regarding him. Mr. Lee seemed disappointed at these remarks.

Mayor Lee asked that the Director be given his best regards.

Mayor Lee has recently fired Mr. Skousen from the position of Chief of Police in Salt Lake City because Skousen would not permit gambling and strip-teasing. Mr. DeLoach said that it was obvious that Mayor Lee was just trying to get ammunition to use against Skousen.

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Mr. DeLoach is preparing a memorandum.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *also*

DATE: May 9, 1960

FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
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Agents of the Salt Lake City office recently learned that W. Cleon Skousen, former Chief of Police of Salt Lake City and a former Special Agent of the FBI, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor of Utah. Skousen advised that a large number of friends, both Democrats and Republicans, have encouraged him to seek the nomination.

Incumbent Favored

The incumbent is Governor George D. Clyde, a Republican, who is completing his first term. People with political acumen have commented that it would be very unlikely for the Republican Party to repudiate the incumbent at the end of his first term and, accordingly, Governor Clyde is at this time likely to win the nomination. In addition to Clyde and Skousen, two other prominent men from Salt Lake City are seeking the Republican nomination. (Current Developments in Criminal Matters -- Crimdel -- Salt Lake City, 5/2/60)

Bureau Service From 1935 to 1951

Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a messenger on October 24, 1935; was an Agent on June 17, 1940; and he resigned effective October 5, 1951, to accept the position of Assistant to the President of Brigham Young University. His services were satisfactory while employed by the Bureau. He was appointed Chief of Police of Salt Lake City in June, 1956, and was dismissed in March, 1960. (67-69602)

Friendly Toward Bureau

Governor Clyde was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the Bureau in January, 1953, for the White House. No derogatory

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Re W. Cleon Skousen

information was developed concerning Clyde at that time. In March, 1958, the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin carried an address given by Governor Clyde entitled "Juvenile Offenders" before the Police Administrators' Conference in Salt Lake City in November, 1957. The Bureau has enjoyed very friendly relations with Governor Clyde. (77-55246)

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

OSW *V.* *CS* *[Signature]*

Mayor Charges Ex-Chief Unfair

Accuses Skousen of Using Police For Sake of 'Self-Glorification'

By Jerry Voros
Tribune Staff Writer

Mayor J. Bracken Lee said Monday night that he had discharged W. Cleon Skousen as Salt Lake City police chief because Mr. Skousen was not fair, could not be trusted and "had been spending too much time fighting sin and not enough fighting crime."

THE MAYOR SPOKE on a series of television and radio programs in answer to a similar series presented by Mr. Skousen following his discharge.



Mayor J. Bracken Lee . . .
"Skousen not a fair chief."

Mayor Lee said that he believed Mr. Skousen did not devote enough time to the police chief job and was "not on the square," using misleading statements and "half-truths" to gain his objectives.

IN ADDITION, the mayor said, that while he was police chief, Mr. Skousen promoted himself through use of expensive reports which were widely distributed in the nation, made between 300 and 400 speeches a year and spent time writing much of one book in his police office, using stenographic help in the department to produce it.

"Much of the operations of this book was paid for by taxes of Salt Lake City which go into the operation of the police department," the mayor said on one radio and television station.

Mayor Lee said that he had given the police chief only one order and that was to stop self policing of taverns "because I believed there was something dishonest in this self-policing."

ON ANOTHER station, the mayor said he had affidavits to show pressure had been used by the police department to force men in the tavern business to pay money for bills they did not owe.

"I'm sure that the average citizen who believes in decency will be terrifically shocked when you hear the evidence that is presented to the city commission next week," said Mayor Lee.

EXPLAINING why he had decided to answer Mr. Skousen, the mayor said it was that he felt he owed it to friends so they have answers for the former chief.

"I cannot understand this man," the mayor said. "I thought we could work together. I was under the impression he was highly intelligent. I was told by many that he was a good chief of police. I did everything to work with him and I finally found it physically impossible to do so. I found the man could not be relied upon."

"IN OTHER WORDS, on a number of occasions, I find now, where he misled the former Salt Lake City Commission, he attempted to mislead the present commission and he has been misleading the citizens of this state.

"He had been doing many things that are not right as a chief of police. The fact is, I do not believe he has devoted enough time to the job to have been the chief of police of Salt Lake City. I think I will show you that this man is not on the square."

THE MAYOR said the city had a deficit of \$250,000 and much of it came from police department spending. Mayor Lee said he ordered budget cuts and made suggestions on saving money, but the chief did not take a single suggestion.

In the course of battling a cut in uniform allowances for men who did not wear uniforms, the mayor said the former chief told the city commission some misleading things.

"IN THE FIRST place he said the police had been reduced by 25 men, fired from the force since the first of the year, and of course I questioned him about it because I doubted it," the mayor said.

A check of the records
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Skousen Used Police for Self-Glory: Lee

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showed that actually on the day the chief told the commission about the reduction, there was only one fewer man on the force than on Jan. 1, said Mayor Lee.

"I HOLD THIS is evidence that this man did not tell you the truth," declared the mayor. Later, the mayor said that Mr. Skousen was "so bitter over me" that he made many misleading statements about Mayor Lee.

MAYOR LEE said that a claim by Mr. Skousen that "I wanted him to keep his hands off certain private clubs" was an absolute untruth "and nobody knows better than he does that it is an absolute untruth."

Mayor Lee said he did tell the chief that since he (Mr. Skousen) complained about a shortage of men to check burglaries and robberies in the downtown area that it might be wise to keep the policemen downtown instead of annoying private clubs.

HE LISTED the Alta, Aviation, Ambassador, Elks and Moose clubs as the type of clubs he had been talking about.

"I incidentally pointed out we had many so called illegitimate private clubs organized under the charter deal that he was letting run all night long, that you had a lot of young children under age down

there and he was doing nothing about that, yet he was spending time checking clubs of membership composed of very high class citizens," the mayor said.

THEN THE MAYOR explained about being present in the Ambassador Club at a time when some gambling took place.

He said he had been invited to the club to attend a charity ball and a horse racing game was put into operation. He said technically the game was against the law.

"IT IS SOMETHING like a toy," the mayor explained. "I don't know what the betting is on it. I never bet on it. I'm told it was about 50 cents a chance like drawing numbers out of a hat for a prize which goes on everywhere," the mayor said.

He explained he was bothered by the fact his table was right under the game board.

"WHAT DISTURBED me was not that the club was running it but that I knew how Mr. Skousen felt about these things," Mayor Lee said. "I knew he had a lot of ill-will against me. I began to suspect that it was a frameup."

The mayor said he turned to Charlie Foote, then a police department employe, and told him to notify Chief Skousen and find out who had given permission for operation of the game. But the mayor said Mr. Foote could not get the chief's telephone number so gave the information to the dispatcher.

"NOW I DID this to protect myself and the members of my party, because I know it is against the law for a mayor or a police officer to be in the presence of something that is illegal," the mayor explained.

"I still say that it doesn't amount to much, that it is kind of a silly thing to make a big fuss over, but he made a lot out of it."

MAYOR LEE said that the next Monday, the chief called the city attorney and asked what the penalty is for the mayor or a city commissioner to be seen in the presence of a gambling game and do nothing about it.

When James L. Barker Jr., the city attorney, told the chief he too had been present, the mayor said the chief said "well, it is just too bad for you, too."

MAYOR LEE said that when Mr. Skousen talks, he makes it sound like the mayor was in a gambling den.

"The man does not tell the truth. He tells half truths all the way through," Mayor Lee said.

SALT LAKE CITY could be well policed if it is done right, the mayor claimed. He said that Salt Lake City had a larger police force during Mr. Skousen's administration than Phoenix, which the mayor said was a much larger city.

"The record will show that we have all kinds of crime in this city and a continual increase in crime ever since the

day that Mr. Skousen had been in office because he has, in my opinion, been spending too much time fighting sin and not enough time fighting crime," the mayor declared.

"NOW CERTAINLY we disagree on that philosophy because he has told you before."

Mayor Lee compared two reports made in 1958 by the then police chief. One was in the newspapers and reported an increase in the major crime rates in Salt Lake City compared to average crime for 55 cities of a comparable size.

BUT AT THE end of the year the chief reported in his official department report that certain crimes had been cut substantially, the mayor said.

"Which report is right?" asked Mayor Lee. "Is the man fooling us here to tell us how good he is or fooling us here to get money or is it a little bit of both? But doesn't it prove to you that this man is not on the square?"

"DOESN'T IT prove to you that all statements he has made over the air in speeches may not be the truth? That is the reason I did not want the man around. I could not trust him."

Mayor Lee said that Mr. Skousen, when police chief, had annual reports of his department put in leather-like material and embossed in gold at a cost to taxpayers of \$2,304. He then mailed copies all over the country at taxpayer expense to his friends, Mayor Lee said.

HE SAID 248 copies went to all stake presidencies and bishops in the city; 143 went to the Lions Club; 171 to the Exchange Club; 145 to the Salt Lake Advertising Club; 70 to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and 54 to area school principals.

"All good places to promote oneself," commented the mayor.

IN ADDITION copies were sent to relatives in California.

It doesn't amount to much money, the mayor said, but it "just shows what an egotist he is."

"Then he talked the City Commission into sending him to the Hawaiian Islands at a cost to taxpayers of \$678," the mayor said.

MAYOR LEE said the former chief has fooled a lot of people into "carrying on what amounts to a riot in the city."

"A man who pretends to be so religious to stoop to such falsehoods and half truths in order to injure someone else, which he is trying to do to me," said the mayor.

"WHY, IF HE is an honest man, why, if he is a Christian, does he attack me personally with second hand information which he knows is false?" asked the mayor.

On another radio-television show, the mayor said that Mr. Skousen, while chief, had used the department for the purpose of fear for scaring enemies and protecting his friends.

"HE HAD NOT, for one thing, been a fair chief," said the mayor. "That is one reason why I discharged him."

Mayor Lee said that citizens do not have to worry about conduct of Salt Lake City because in Public Safety Commissioner J. K. Piercey the city has "one of the finest commissioners this city ever had, an honest man who knows how to run a department."

Mayor Lee said the commission will give the citizens real law enforcement, "not the phony kind you had from this man."

DIRECTOR, FBI

6/16/60

SAC, PORTLAND (100-9828)

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Mr. GENE BRIGGS, a reporter for the Portland Reporter, a newly founded Portland newspaper, on 6/13/60 provided this office with a five page brochure entitled "Will You Help Halt the Goal of Communism?" This document outlined the schedule of events for a meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 27 to July 2, 1960, under the sponsorship of the "Freedom Crusade." Mr. BRIGGS stated that the information was made available to him by CHARLES E. LONG, public relations, Counseling and Promotion, 203 Governor Building, Portland.

A review of the brochure reflects that W. CLEON SKOUSEN, former special agent of the FBI, and [redacted] former security informant, will be among those participating in this meeting.

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The indices of the Portland Office contain no derogatory information concerning CHARLES E. LONG.

An autostatic copy of the brochure is enclosed with this letter for the Bureau's information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 22, 1960

Attention: Training and Inspection Division

FROM : SAC, Denver (1-244)

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN,
Former Special Agent, FBI,
Salt Lake City, Utah
INFORMATION CONCERNING*PH-1034*
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This is to advise that W. CLEON SKOUSEN, former Special Agent and former Chief of Police at Salt Lake City, Utah, delivered the commencement address at the close of the 3rd Annual Session of the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy at Laramie, Wyoming, on June 18, 1960. The public was invited and many individuals other than the actual student officers attended.

Mr. SKOUSEN made only very complimentary remarks about the Director and the Bureau during this address. He specifically spoke out against any central or Federal control of local law enforcement agencies, stating that there should be more "co-ordination" rather than "consolidation" of law enforcement agencies or functions. He further pointed out the danger in recent attempts of social and welfare agencies to encroach on the functions of law enforcement in such areas as drug addiction and alcoholism and of course, strongly pointed out the danger presented to this county by "liberal" elements and Communist sympathizers.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Our former Chief of Police, Mr. Cleon Skousen, is now an announced candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for Governor of Utah.

He is conducting a vigorous campaign. His public addresses center around the subject of Communism. He claims superior inside knowledge of the subject based upon his years of service in the F. B. I.

He has published a book entitled, "The Naked Communist". He is sending free copies of this book to Republican delegates in an effort to persuade them to support his campaign. In some of his public speeches he has stated that he was called in by you, when a member of the F. B. I., and that you asked him to prepare information for you to assist you in the preparation of your own book, "Masters of Deceit".

He leaves the inference with his listeners that he is really the author of your work. He goes into considerable detail describing how he retired to the furnace room of your office building and prepared the material there while sitting by the side of the furnace.

I would like to inquire of you if any of this is true. Did you know him so intimately when he was with your service? Did he actually assist you in the preparation of your book? I hope you will feel it within the realm of propriety to answer me.

Sincerely yours,

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Orville Gunther
880 East 7th North
American Fork, Utah

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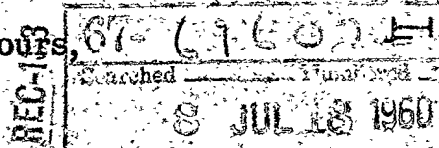
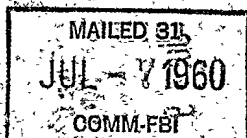
Mr. Orville Gunther
880 East Seventh, North
American Fork, Utah

Dear Mr. Gunther:

Your letter of June 30, 1960, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from Washington, D. C., and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it for him. It will be called to his attention upon his return to the city.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



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2- Attention SAC: You should immediately advise whether your office has received any information to the effect that former Special Agent W. Cleon Skousen has been making statements that he helped prepare "Masters of Deceit." Also, check name of Orville Gunther through your indices. He is not identifiable in Bufiles although person of that name of Lehi, Utah, in 1956 was on mailing list of Utah Council for Constitutional Liberties, a communist-front organization. (100-418955-21)

Follow-up made for 7-18-60.

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Note to Orville Gunther letter:

Skousen EOD as messenger 10-24-35; as Agent 6-17-40, resigned 10-5-51 to accept position as Assistant to the President of Brigham Young University. Services satisfactory. Appointed Chief of Police, Salt Lake City in June, 1956, and dismissed in March, 1960. Skousen /currently candidate for Republican nomination as Governor of Utah.

July 8, 1960

Mr. Orville Gunther
880 East Seventh, North
American Fork, Utah

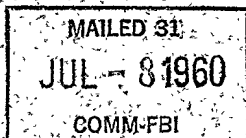
Dear Mr. Gunther:

Further reference is made to your letter of June 30, 1960, in which you stated that Mr. Cleon Skousen, former Special Agent of this Bureau, has indicated that he assisted in the preparation of the book, "Masters of Deceit," and leaves the inference with his listeners that he is the author of this book.

It would appear most unlikely that Mr. Skousen would make statements of this kind inasmuch as he resigned as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in October, 1951 and the book, "Masters of Deceit," was written and published in 1953.

Mr. Skousen's services while employed in this Bureau were entirely satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,



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Letter to Mr. Orville Gunther

7-8-60

NOTE: ASAC Heber Clegg of the Salt Lake City Office advised that Orville Gunther is well and favorably known to Salt Lake City Office Agents. He is Chairman of the Utah State Tax Commission, a political appointee of the present Utah Governor, George Clyde, Skousen's current political opponent. He is well-to-do and anticommunist. Mr. Clegg said none of our Agents have information that former Agent Skousen has made statements to the effect he authored or did research on "Masters of Deceit" although he has made reference to his own book, "The Naked Communist." The Salt Lake City Office knows of no reason why this letter as written should not go forward to Mr. Gunther.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
SAN DIEGO DIVISION
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DATE: 7/20/60

The San Diego Union, on 7/15/60, carried an article which stated in part:

"RICHARD ARENS of Washington, D.C., director of the House Un-American Activities Committee, will be a principal speaker at the first anti-communism school to be conducted here."

The article goes on to say that this is the second such school to be held on the West Coast, has been named "Operation Alert" and is aimed at educating the public on the growing threat of international communism. The school will consist of four daily sessions, starting at 8:30 AM and concluding at 9:30 PM, from August 23 to 27, 1960.

"Other speakers will be HERBERT PHILBRICK, former counterspy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; DR. FRED SCHWARZ of Long Beach, author and speaker on world communism; W. CLEON SKOUSEN, Salt Lake City, Utah, police chief and former FBI agent; FRED SCHLAFLY, a Washington D.C. lawyer and member of the Commission of the American Bar on Communism and Subversion, and W. P. STRUBE of Houston, a life insurance company president."

The above information is being furnished for Bureau information and no action in connection with this school is planned by the San Diego Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MC GUIRE

DATE: 8-5-60

FROM : F. W. WAIKART

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
(Former Employee)
Candidate for Republican Nomination
for Governor of Utah

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At 4:45 p.m. today, Mr. Skousen called me by telephone from Salt Lake City, Utah.

He mentioned that he was running for the Republican nomination as Governor of Utah against the present Republican incumbent, George Clyde. He was of the opinion that Governor Clyde would try to discredit him and probably contact the Bureau. In this regard, he mentioned that the basis for his running for Governor was the publicity and notoriety arising from his dismissal as Chief of Police of Salt Lake City by the mayor, J. Bracken Lee. There was a strong difference of opinion between the mayor and Skousen as to whether or not strip-tease shows and gambling should be allowed to take place in Salt Lake City, UTAH.

Skousen also mentioned that he was very proud of his background in the Bureau and as part of his campaign was, of course, going to mention his Bureau employment. He plans to emphasize the public service nature of his career and, in this regard, will mention the sixteen years of service with the Bureau, four years of which were spent as a supervisor at the Seat of Government. He volunteered the fact that he plans to furnish a copy of this autobiography to the Director.

Mr. Skousen asked for nothing and most of the conversation, which lasted about five minutes, involved reminiscing over our service together in the old days with the Bureau. You will recall that both Skousen and I were assigned to the old Records and Communications Division back in 1941-45. In connection with his autobiography, I did take the opportunity of telling Skousen that he should certainly stick to the facts insofar as the Bureau was concerned and not try to embellish them in any manner. He, of course, assured me that he would do this.

RECOMMENDATION: None--for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/31/60

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-59)

SUBJECT: FLORIDA NETWORK
INFORMATION CONCERNING

W. Cleon Skousen 100-272-10
ReCElet to Bureau 8/1/60 captioned "THE NETWORK,
INFORMATION CONCERNING."

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, the following background information on the network is submitted:

On 5/9/60, Mrs. ROBERT A. BAURES, 234 Driftwood Road South, St. Petersburg, Fla., who is known to the Resident Agents at St. Petersburg as an outspoken and militant fighter against communism, advised SA [redacted] that the Florida Network (FN) is an anonymous group fighting communism and subversion in Fla. She said the headquarters is at Winter Park, Fla., the mailing address being P. O. Box 1542. She furnished a copy of the letters which FN sends to its new members and which explains in part the nature of the organization:

"F. N.

P. O. Box 1542

Winter Park, Florida

"CONFIDENTIAL"

"Dear Member:

"We wish to welcome you as a new member of Florida Network. Ours is a unique organization in that it intends to quietly organize a statewide group of only the most dedicated and reliable patriots. Our organizational mission is to be prepared to take significant action or counter-action in the world political conflict against the earth's enemy, International

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Communism. Preparedness for larger future world developments is essential to our national and personal survival.

"The Florida Network is not a "dues type" of organization nor do we openly solicit new members. Our new members are gained strictly by present members carefully selecting individuals of unquestionable reliability, loyalty, dedication to the preservation of freedom, strong belief in Americanism, and committed to the fight against Communism. These are the qualities upon which you were considered before you were asked to join. If you have some patriotic friends who should be members of Network, notify your contact or write to us before extending an invitation. Each prospective member is carefully screened prior to inviting him to join.

"As we mentioned above, we have no dues for membership. But, as in any organization we have expenses; our chief expense is the cost of the monthly bulletin. Each member is requested to donate whatever he feels he can to defray these expenses. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. (We prefer that contributions be in cash, rather than checks, and they may be mailed to P.O. Box 1542, Winter-Park, Fla.)

"There are only four things we ask of our members:

"1. To take an active part in the fight against Communism, through local groups or individually; cooperate with other sound patriots in your area.

"2. To keep yourself well informed by reading and studying both background material and current events.

"3. Follow closely and carry out energetically all suggestions made in the bulletin or coming from known F.N. sources. This is extremely important.

"4. To keep your membership and any reference to this organization strictly confidential. It should not be talked about except with your "contact" or associates whom you know to be members. The bulletins should not be read by anyone except members. This is vital.

"We appreciate hearing from our members, particularly in reporting on activities in their own areas.

"Cordially,

F.N.

"NOTE: PLEASE DESTROY THIS LETTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER READING IT."

FLORIDA NETWORK

Mrs. BAURES named Dr. WILLIAM E. FORT, JR. as one of the founders of the organization. Dr. FORT, a former professor at Rollins College in Winter Park, has been known to the Resident Agents in Orlando as an outspoken opponent of communism and an admirer of the FBI. Upon leaving Rollins College about two years ago, Dr. FORT was employed at Pomona College in California. From February to July of 1960, he has been a resident of Tampa, Fla., where he was employed as Director of the Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies.

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On 7/6/60, Dr. WILLIAM E. FORT, JR., Tampa, advised SA [redacted] the FN was founded approximately three years ago by Dr. FORT and Mrs. RUTH BAURES. He said at the outset he had the support and encouragement of D. MILTON LADD, former Assistant to the Director of the FBI and General GEORGE STRATEMEYER (Retired), both of whom resided near Winter Park, Fla. He said these two men and Dr. FORT prepared and signed letters about the organization in an effort to enlist interest of prospective new members.

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Dr. FORT furnished information similar to that in the above letter as to the nature of this organization. In addition, he advised that FN is an "underground type" organization whose aims are:

GEORGE STRATEMEYER
RETIRED GENERAL

1. To infiltrate Communist Party front groups in order to counteract communism influence.
2. To form a hard core anti-communist group to act in event the communists ever succeed in taking over the Government of this country.

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He said they are very selective in their recruiting of new members on the basis of character, loyalty, and integrity. He said it is not their purpose to insist that everybody think alike so long as they are loyal to basic principles of our democratic system. He said new members are recommended by the old proven ones and are checked on before being invited to join.

Dr. FORT said the organization is designed to act not as a group but through its individual members. Each member acts on his own but the activities are coordinated by district and state leaders. They have a monthly publication known as the "Florida Network Bulletin," which is produced in Winter Park by mimeograph process. Its purpose is to alert the members

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to dangerous situations as they arise and to guide them toward effective action. Among the actions it suggests are that members write letters to the editors of various publications, letters to congressmen, attend meetings, etc. The "Florida Network Bulletin" is confidential and members are told not to allow outsiders to read same.

As example of the FN's activity, Dr. FORT pointed out that several FN members had attended the meeting sponsored by the Southern Conference Educational Fund in Orlando, Fla., 3/12/60, and the FN intends to pursue its infiltration of this group.

Dr. FORT said there are approximately 200 members of the FN in Fla. The organization is in small groups or cells so that members do not know each other except where necessary. The only complete list of members is at the state headquarters in Winter Park. The headquarters and publication of the Network's Bulletin are the responsibility of PHILLIP M. REED, 820 Georgia Ave., Winter Park, and RICHARD CONNELL, 501 West Fairbanks, Winter Park, Fla.

Dr. FORT said he has been the state leader in Fla. since the FN was organized. During the preceding year when he was at Pomona College in California, he organized three similar groups there, two of which he said are still in existence. In the meantime, people in other states have become interested in the FN and have begun to organize similar activity. Dr. FORT said some former Bureau personnel interested in the Network are: D. M. LADD, mentioned above, who he said has been kept apprised of the FN's progress throughout its existence; STANLEY TRACY, former Assistant Director of the FBI; and Mr. CLEON SKOUSEN, former Special Agent and former Chief of Police at Salt Lake City, Utah. He said Mr. TRACY introduced him to [redacted] and JACK ISON, both former FBI Agents, who now head the American Security Council (ASC) in Chicago. He said it is anticipated ASC through a satellite organization will provide national leadership and coordination to the various state networks.

At the time of the above interview Dr. FORT was preparing to leave Tampa and move to Buena Park, Calif., where he will be employed as Director of the Free Enterprise Association. His address there will be P. O. Box 121, Ghost Town Rural Station, Buena Park, Calif. He said nobody had been selected

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to take over state leadership of FN in his place, although efforts were being made to select a new leader. After Dr. FORT's departure from Tampa, he sent SA [redacted] a carbon copy of a letter he had written to Mr. ROBERT WALL, former SAC at Miami, soliciting WALL's assistance in connection with the FN and stating a representative would call on him. Dr. FORT also advised in a letter that the coordinating agency ^{of EN} in Chicago has been set up but may not begin functioning for a year or two. He said it will be known as the Foundation for American Research. In the meantime, he requested FN to make reports of its activity to the ASC, 205 West Monroe St., Chicago 6, Ill. *Chicago, ILL*

Copies of the "Florida Network Bulletin" are received regularly by the Tampa Division.

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October 19, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington #25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On behalf of the National Affairs Committee of the above Chapter II, I am writing to thank you for the material you had sent to us for use in our study group. We also intend to see that this is distributed among the members of the Chapter who do not attend these study sessions.

I hope that the following request is not "out of line," but if so you need not answer it! We have been using, as a basic text, W.Cleon Skousen's "The NAKED COMMUNIST", as well as your "MASTERS of DECEIT." We have recently been informed that Mr. Skousen was discharged, as Chief of Police, in Salt Lake City, and that some rather extraordinary charges were made against him. I am not asking you to verify or deny any or all of these charges, as you are too busy a man for such a request. But we would appreciate it if you would just let us know whether you do, or do not, consider Mr. Skousen an authority, and his book completely reliable. We were very much surprised by the information (or misinformation) we received!

Thanking you, not only for your helpfulness to us, as a study group, but for all that you and your Department do to keep this nation secure against its many enemies, at home and from abroad.

most sincerely,

Charlotte Churchill Starr

(Miss) Charlotte Churchill Starr
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: 11/22/60

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL

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At the reception given by the American Society for Industrial Security, to introduce its new President, John Buckley, held at the Statler Hotel on the evening of 11/21/60. I met and talked with [redacted] former Agent, [redacted] in Chicago, and [redacted] American Security Council. We have previously received information concerning this council and assurances that it would cooperate with the Bureau.

[redacted] said that the council is growing rapidly. At the present time they have 1500 companies as members, far exceeding their projected goal of 1000 members by this December. Many of the largest industrial companies in the country are members, such as Republic Steel, et cetera.

[redacted] said that the council does not conduct any investigations, but rather provides the service to its membership of checking its files, upon request, and furnishing information which is identical with the inquiry. He said if they are not sure that the subject is identical, they send back a no-record reply.

I inquired how their files were made and how they added to the files. [redacted]

and a number of other sources, which have given the council a real subversive file. They are kept up to date by a clipping service. He said that practically all newspapers in the country are clipped on the basis of certain information in which the council is interested, and these clippings are sent in and filed.

[redacted] said that the council is branching out into other types of anticommunist work, for example, the recent schools held in the West by Dr. Schwarz, using as speakers people like Cleon Skousen and Herbert Philbrick. [redacted] commented that the council is watching its step so that it does not get tied in with any radical outfits, for instance the John Birch Society, headed by Welch, in New England. He said the council is staying away from such organizations. [redacted] did not indicate that the council is providing funds for and backing the Schwarz schools. However, he did say that Cleon Skousen is now the field representative,

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headquartered at Salt Lake City, for the American Security Council, and is making talks at these schools and elsewhere.

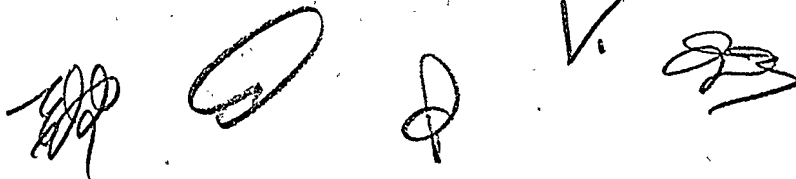
I remarked to [] that I noted the council was setting up a publication here in Washington, using retired Admiral Chester Ward to head this up, in conjunction with Lee Pennington. [] reiterated that each issue of this pamphlet would come through him in Chicago so they could be sure of what was being put out.

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[] wanted to know if we would like to be kept advised of the activities of the council, inasmuch as they are broadening out and attempting to attack communist influence wherever they can find it. I told him we would be glad to be kept advised and he could feel free to write in to the Bureau along these lines if he desired.

He said he wanted to make it plain that anything the council does will not conflict with the Bureau, and any time the FBI wants to use the council in any manner, the council is at the disposal of the FBI.

This is for record purposes.

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Anti-Communist School Opens Sessions in L.A.

Authorities on Red World Conspiracy
Heard by 600 Enrollees in Course

The history, techniques and dangers of international communism were aired before more than 600 first-day enrollees Monday during the opening session of the Greater Los Angeles Anti-Communist School at the Biltmore.

Sponsored by the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and other local groups, the five-day course is open to the public and includes both night and day classes.

Monday's speakers were Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Atty. Fred Schlafly and author W. Cleon Skousen, all recognized authorities on various aspects of the Communist conspiracy.

Discussing the philosophy of communism, Schwarz, president of the Anti-Communist Crusade and a former medical doctor, outlined the theories of Marx, Engels and other socialist planners and their impact on present-day Communist practice.

Convincing Propaganda

The Communists' greatest achievement, he said, is that they have been able to convince their followers that the Communist triumph is "inevitable" and at the same time get them to work to make it so.

"This dualism is one of the most remarkable features of their organization," he said.

Schlafly, an Illinois lawyer and co-author of the American Bar Assn.'s res-

ports on communism the past three years, posed the question, "Is communism constitutional?" in the second of two morning sessions.

He stressed the contention that 24 U.S. Supreme Court decisions in recent years have "weakened our national security" and were based on "false historical assumptions."

"The Communist conspiracy is more dangerous than ever before because it's been able to persuade well-meaning people to adopt its slogans and beliefs," Schlafly told newsmen before his lecture.

Skousen, author of "The Naked Communist" and a 16-year veteran of FBI service, discussed Communist influence on American education before an afternoon class.

Wednesday will be the school's Youth Day, with more than 1,500 students already registered and more expected. Special emphasis will be put on a talk at 3:45 p.m. by Herbert Philbrick, former FBI counterspy and author of "I Led Three Lives."

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"LOS ANGELES TIMES"
Los Angeles, California

November 8, 1960

NICK B. WILLIAMS, Editor

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ANTI-RED SCHOOL—Here are opening-day enrollees Monday at session of Anti-Communist School.

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Orange County Freedom Forum
 Box 228, Fullerton, California
 16 December 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau
 of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In our attempt to combat communism in the Orange County area, we have used the background of W. Cleon Skousen and the text of his book, The Naked Communist. Our opposition questions his knowledge in the field of communism. This faction contends that Mr. Skousen left the F.B.I. by request of your office, or at least with an unfriendly feeling between the F.B.I. and Mr. Skousen.

We would appreciate any comment on this that your office would care to give.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Cosgrove
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 Secretary

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Box 228
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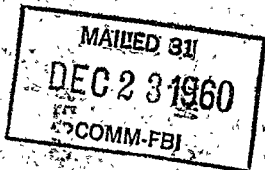
Dear Mr. Cosgrove:

I have received your letter of December 16, 1960, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated. Mr. W. Cleon Skousen was formerly employed as a Special Agent with this Bureau from June 17, 1940, until his voluntary resignation on October 5, 1951, at which time his services were satisfactory.

In view of your concern about the menace of communism, I am enclosing several items containing my views on this subject which you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent or the Orange County Freedom Forum. Former SA Skousen is on the Special Correspondents' List. For the most part, we have enjoyed cordial relations with Skousen who was also former Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah, and was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Utah this year. It is noted that some questions had been raised concerning possible impropriety on his part in indicating his position with the Bureau, prior to his resignation, in connection with his campaign literature. His book, "The Naked Communist," was reviewed by the Bureau as reflected in Belmont to Boardman memo of 4-8-58 entitled "'The Naked Communist' Author - W. Cleon Skousen, Former Special Agent, FBI, Publisher - The Ensign Publishing Company, Salt Lake City, Utah." It was indicated the book was well written and clearly points out the communist threat to the free world. It points out the fallacies of communism and suggestions on how to fight it in the crucial period between now and 1970.

Los Angeles, California
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Sheriff Peter Pitchess forwarded a copy of a letter written by Mayor J. Bracken Lee to a Mrs. Laine in Arcadia, California, in which he makes certain statements regarding former Special Agent W. Cleon Skousen.

I am enclosing a copy of this letter to you as it indicates the views of Mayor Lee concerning Mr. Skousen.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

W. G. Simon

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SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

J. BRACKEN LEE
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
211 CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING

SALT LAKE CITY 11, UTAH

August 8, 1960

Mrs. Elizabeth Laine
P. O. Box 1095
Arcadia, California.

Dear Mrs. Laine:

I am enclosing, for your benefit, a copy of our paper which sets forth some of the facts concerning the discharge of W. Cleon Skousen.

To further explain my position, let me say this, that while Mr. Skousen has written a book and talks against Communism, actually he conducted his office as Chief of Police in exactly the same manner in which the Communists operate their government.

The man is also a master of half truths. In at least three instances I have proved him to be a liar before the City Commissioners and the newspaper reporters. To me, he is a very dangerous man because he preaches one thing, practices another, ~~does not tell the truth, and cannot be relied upon.~~ He also was one of the greatest spenders of public funds of anyone who ever served in any capacity in Salt Lake City government. The very fact that the man would go on the air, before television, and make statements against me which he knew himself to be false is proof in itself that he cannot be trusted.

We would like to put your name on the mailing list of the AMERICAN STATESMAN, and if you have no objections, this will be done.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature appears on the original of this letter)

J. BRACKEN LEE

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SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Mayor
211 City and County Building
Salt Lake City 11, Utah

J. Bracken Lee
Mayor

August 8, 1960

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924 Loch Lomand
Bakersfield, Calif.
January 3, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I understand that Dr. W. Cleon Skousen was with the F.B.I. for about 15 years. I greatly admire him and the great job he is doing to try to awaken the American people to the danger of Communism.

Now a certain group in America is starting to smear the reputation of Dr. Skousen. I have been playing some tapes to various groups, of speeches that he has made, and the question has arisen of why Dr. Skousen left the F.B.I. It would greatly help me in presenting these tapes if you would write me a letter stating the length of time Dr. Skousen was with you and the reason he left.

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Yours truly,
Adora Hartnett
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January 12, 1961

Mrs. Norman Hartnett
924 Loch Lomand
Bakersfield, California

Dear Mrs. Hartnett:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated January 3, 1961, regarding Dr. W. Cleon Skousen.

Mr. Skousen was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a clerical capacity from October 24, 1935, until June 17, 1940, when he was appointed to the position of Special Agent. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective October 5, 1951, to accept other employment.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The indices were checked on Mrs. Norman (Adora) Hartnett and there was no record per Mr. Coakley, Service Unit.

Skousen's services were satisfactory while he was with the Bureau. He served as Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1956 until March, 1960, when he was dismissed by the Mayor for refusing to allow strip-tease shows and gambling to take place. In July of 1960, information was received that Skousen was running for Republican nomination as Governor of Utah and that his campaign literature carried the phrase, "Served his country in the FBI 16 years, 4 of them as Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover during World War II, a top assignment." It appeared that Skousen was attempting to trade on his former Bureau connection. In November of 1960, Skousen was the field representative, headquartered at Salt Lake City, for the American Security Council, anti-Communist organization.

There is no information in Bureau records to indicate he has the title of Dr.

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Dr. FRED SCHWARZ, Founder and President of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade spoke before a large gathering at the First Methodist Church in Mesa, Arizona on 12/11/60. A newspaper account concerning his talk was set out in the 12/12/60 issue of the "Arizona Republic" newspaper, Phoenix, Arizona. It was stated in this article that Dr. SCHWARZ planned on returning to Phoenix, Arizona for the "Anti-Communism School in February".

On 1/31/61, [redacted] Panel Source, advised SA [redacted] that the "Greater Phoenix School of Anti-Communism" would be held at the Hotel Westward Ho in Phoenix, Arizona during 2/27-3/3/61. [redacted] advised that this school will consist of a number of sessions both during the day and evening and that a tuition fee from \$5 to \$20 will be charged for those wishing to attend. He advised that several business people, advertising agencies and radio stations in the Phoenix area are backing this Anti-Communism School to be held in Phoenix, Arizona. A number of spot radio announcements are to be made and in these announcements, [redacted] pointed out that some of the speakers at this school will be HERBERT PHILBRICK, W. CLEON SKOUSEN (former FBI Agent), ROBERT C. MORRIS (former Chief Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee) and Dr. FRED C. SCHWARZ. [redacted] pointed out that this school will be given considerable publicity and it is hoped it will be well attended.

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SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
211 City and County Building

J. Bracken Lee
Mayor

SALT LAKE CITY 11, UTAH

August 16, 1960

Mr. Edward T. Price, President
Education Information, Inc.
P. O. Box 2037
Fullerton, California

Dear Mr. Price:

A copy of your EDUCATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, dated March 31, 1960, has come to my attention. An article published therein, on the inside cover page, entitled "Well Known Anti-Communist Chief of Police Fired by J. Bracken Lee," is the subject of my letter.

I would appreciate your giving me the answers to two questions. First, Why would your organization print such a one-sided article? The second question, Why did you not get the other side of this story before publishing this article?

I am under the impression that the article was written by former Police Chief W. Cleon Skousen because the expressions and comments appear to be the same as those used by Mr. Skousen on T.V., radio and the newspapers immediately following his discharge. I have requested replies to these questions because I know some of your officers and directors and have considered them to be fair minded and honest individuals. In view of this, I have prepared copies of this letter which will be mailed to all your directors and several others who have written me following the publication of this article.

I consider the statements made in your publication to be false and will endeavor to point out to you why I feel they are most damaging to me. The article itself points out the big reason why this man was discharged. He is a master of Half-truths and would not hesitate to convey an outright lie if he felt it would further his personal ambitions. On three

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occasions, before the Salt Lake City Commission and in the presence of a number of newspaper reporters, this man made statements that were completely untrue, and, in each instance I so informed him and had the City Auditor vary the records to prove that the man was not telling the truth.

Another reason for his discharge was the fact that he operated the Salt Lake City Police Department in exactly the same manner as the Communists in Russia operate their government. This I could not tolerate in spite of the fact that he, himself, professes to be an Anti-Communist.

Again referring to your article, the statement is made that I had little sympathy for Skousen's out-of-state lectures on Communism. This statement is not true for the very simple reason that I granted him permission, as the Mayor of Salt Lake City, to make these trips (some of which were made before groups of people in other states who were strong supporters of my philosophy of government.) Up until the time that I was convinced that he was an untruthful individual, I favored his making as many talks as possible. Of course, until I realized that the man was more interested in himself than he was his Country, I fully supported what he was trying to do.

Your article further states, and I quote, "Lee has shown no interest in Skousen's great book, THE NAKED COMMUNIST." This is another false statement because I not only recommended this book to many of my friends, but I was also responsible for convincing many of these people that they should buy quantities of these books for free distribution.

Your article also states that my charge that Mr. Skousen had been using City Police secretarial assistance in the writing of this book was without foundation. The records will show to the satisfaction of anyone that he did use City Policemen and secretaries both to compile, typewrite and assemble his notes on this book. While I certainly do not object to the writing of a book in opposition to Communism, I do not think it is right that City funds and personnel be used to write a book which resulted in personal gain to that writer.

It is true that Mr. Skousen appeared on a three station T.V. interview and charged that I wanted the Police to "open up" the City and that I resented arrests for "fringe gambling and strip-tease parties" in private clubs. This statement by Mr. Skousen is just as false as many other statements that he has made in the past, and, I can assure you that his statement is without foundation and had nothing to do with the man's discharge.

Your article goes on to say that Skousen is recognized in law enforcement circles as one of the most able men and best informed officers in the United States. This is a claim that Mr. Skousen has been making for some time, but, to my knowledge, I do not know of any law enforcement agencies in the United States who would agree with Mr. Skousen's opinion of himself. Just who is

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there in the United States who recognizes his ability in that capacity? I doubt very much if any city in the United States would employ Mr. Skousen after reviewing his record in Salt Lake City. Certainly, the facts do not bear out the claims which he makes.

The article also states that he was Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover. This statement is not true and certainly can be verified by contacting Mr. Hoover himself.

Your article concludes by saying, "Lee will no doubt have many questions to answer, posed by conservatives." Let me say, very frankly, that I am willing to let my record in public life speak for itself, and, I will not waste five minutes answering any questions to anyone for my actions in public office. I have served for over twenty years in an executive capacity in government. I have served for over twenty years in an executive capacity in government. I have been the Mayor of two cities and served for eight years as the Governor of this State. When it comes to law enforcement, fighting Communism, lowering taxes, opposition to the growth of big government, the eliminating of waste, and the support of Constitutional Government--I take my hat off to no man. I might also add that while I am proud of this record, the one act of which I am most proud is the one in which I publically discharged W. Cleon Skousen as the Chief of Police of Salt Lake City. He was not only a wasteful, extravagant public servant as shown by the record, but misspent and misused public funds that were entrusted to him.

While he talks a good line, he does not live up to what he preaches. Time, I am sure, will prove that I rendered a service not only to the people of Salt Lake City, but perhaps all of the Nation in exposing this man for what he is.

Let me repeat, in closing, that I have great respect for those on your Board of Directors whom I know personally to be fine honorable citizens, but I sincerely believe that your magazine and those who have been misled by this article have been badly fooled by a first-class "Phoney" in the person of W. Cleon Skousen.

Sincerely,

J. BRACKEN LEE

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cc: Mrs. Ellen Kurtz
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William E. Fort
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Date 2/10/61

To

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Att. Central Research
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W. CLEON SKOUSEN,

Former Special Agent,
FBI,

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Dr. WILLIAM E. FORT, Colonial Free Enterprise
Association, Post Office Box 121, Ghost Town
Rural Station, Buena Park, California, has made
available a photostat of a letter by J. BRACKEN
LEE, Mayor, Salt Lake City, 8/16/60, condemning
former SA SKOUSEN, which is attached hereto.

SAC W.G. SIMON

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Lutheran Church of the Master
La Habra, California

1601 W. Central Ave.
Ph.: OWen 7-2884

American Lutheran Church
National Lutheran Council

HARRY C. CARLSON, Pastor

Parsonage:
300 N. Idaho St.
La Habra, Calif.

Resend
Dear Mr.:

February 19, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

LPH
Hanger

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Next month, at Disneyland, an Anti-Communism School is being offered to the people primarily of Orange County. One of the several teachers is a Mr. W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly a police chief there.

I have heard conflicting reports concerning Mr. Skousen's connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I would like a simple answer, if possible, to my questions below.

- 1) Was Mr. Skousen employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for how long?
- 2) In what capacity was he employed? Was he your Assistant during World War II?

I thank you for taking a moment of your time for this.

Cordially,

Harry C. Carlson
Harry C. Carlson, pastor

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Reverend Harry C. Carlson
300 North Idaho Street
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated February 19, 1961, regarding Mr. W. Cleon Skousen.

Mr. Skousen was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a clerical capacity from October 24, 1935, until June 17, 1940, when he was appointed to the position of Special Agent. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective October 5, 1951, to accept other employment.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Skousen's services were satisfactory while he was with the Bureau. He served as Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1956 until March of 1960, when he was dismissed by the Mayor for refusing to allow strip-tease shows and gambling to take place. In July of 1960, information was received that Skousen was running for Republican nomination as Governor of Utah and that his campaign literature carried the phrase, "Served his country in the FBI 16 years, 4 of them as Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover during World War II, a top assignment." It appeared that Skousen was attempting to trade on his former Bureau connection. In November of 1960, Skousen was the field representative, headquartered at Salt Lake City, for the American Security Council, an anti-Communist organization.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me whether or not Mr. W. Cleon Skousen,
author of the book The Naked Communist, was employed
by the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

If so, in what capacity and during what period of
time?

Thank you for any assistance you can give me.

Sincerely,

Trevor Thomas
Program Director

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Mr. Trevor Thomas
Program Director
KPFK

EX 100 3729 Cahuenga Boulevard, West
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Dear Mr. Thomas: W. Cleon Skousen

Your letter of February 16, 1961, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Skousen was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a clerical capacity from October 24, 1935, until June 17, 1940, when he was appointed to the position of Special Agent. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective October 5, 1951, to accept other employment.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that one Trevor Thomas of San Francisco, who was Executive Secretary of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, was interviewed under pretext on 5/1/59 by a Bureau Agent. He stated he was well aware that the Communist Party favored many of the purposes of his Committee. He stated he would have no objection to any individual communist, Party member or not, if he came into work for the Committee on an individual basis. He stated his organization would fight any effort by the Communist Party to take over any of its groups. KPFK is owned and operated by the Pacifica Foundation, Inc. This organization was the subject of a security investigation in 1958, but no information was developed indicating that its policies were communist

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influenced. One of its officers, Harold Winkler, President, was discharged from the University of California because he would not sign a loyalty oath. Skousen's services were satisfactory while he was in the Bureau. In July, 1960, information was received that he was running for the Republican nomination as Governor of Utah and that his campaign letter carried the phrase: "served his country in the FBI 16 years, 4 of them as Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover during World War II, a top assignment." It appeared that Skousen was attempting to trade on his former Bureau connection. His book, "The Naked Communist," has been reviewed by the Bureau, has been found to be well written and clearly points out the communist threat to the free world.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-0)

RE: REVEREND HARRY C. CARLSON
INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISCELLANEOUS

The Rev. HARRY C. CARLSON, 300 North Idaho St., La Habra, Calif., Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Master, 1601 West Central Ave., La Habra, Calif., appeared at the Santa Ana Resident Agency 3/3/61 and advised SA EDWARD J. KIRBY he had a letter from Mr. HOOVER which he desired interpreted.

CARLSON advised he had seen several newspaper publicity releases concerning the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade School to be held at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, Calif., beginning 3/6/61, in which one of the speakers was named as W. CLEON SKOUSEN, former Administrative Assistant to J. EDGAR HOOVER. He stated there has been the question raised as to whether SKOUSEN ever held the position of Administrative Assistant to Mr. HOOVER and that for this reason he directed a letter to the Bureau on 2/19/61 inquiring as to the exact position held by SKOUSEN. He exhibited a letter from the Bureau to himself dated 2/27/61 reflecting employment of SKOUSEN by the Bureau in a clerical capacity and in a Special Agent capacity. CARLSON advised that his particular question was one of interpretation, whether the position of Special Agent inferred that SKOUSEN was considered an Administrative Assistant in the broad sense.

CARLSON exhibited a letter dated 8/16/60 by J. BRACKEN LEE, Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah to EDWARD T. PRICE,

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President of Education Information, Inc., PO Box 2037, Fullerton, Calif., in which letter discusses in some detail his relationship with SKOUSEN and in which letter states that while SKOUSEN claims to have been an Administrative Assistant to Mr. HOOVER, he was not, and inquiry of Mr. HOOVER will so reflect.

CARLSON was referred to the Bureau for the answer to his question. He advised his purpose in coming in was not to put the Bureau or the Resident Agency on the spot, but that unless SKOUSEN in fact was an Administrative Assistant or unless there was some indication that the term Administrative Assistant was used very broadly this is misleading and may give rise to question regarding statements made by SKOUSEN in the anti-Communist field. CARLSON endeavored to engage in a discussion of semantics as to the specific meaning of the term Administrative Assistant and he was advised on each occasion that the answers to his question are not available here.

CARLSON, in conclusion, advised that he saw no particular reason to correspond further with the Bureau concerning the question but that he was merely seeking for his own information and guidance an answer to the question as to whether SKOUSEN held the position of Administrative Assistant or had justification for the claim he was Administrative Assistant. He went on to say he had discussed this matter with WALTER KNOTT and through Mr. KNOTT had received some explanation by SKOUSEN of the meaning of and reason for use of the term Administrative Assistant. He concluded he submitted his request through Mr. KNOTT for SKOUSEN to confer with him as to the meaning of the term.

The foregoing is submitted for the Bureau's information.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-36)

3/7/61

SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-7437)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letter to the Editor from HERBERT APTHEKER, Editor, "Political Affairs". One photo copy of this letter is being enclosed for the New York Office. This letter appeared in "The Daily Herald", a daily newspaper published in Provo, Utah, on 3/1/61.

The Bureau has previously been advised in connection with the case entitled "CHARLES EDGAR WOOLERY, aka; SM - C; INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)", of which Salt Lake City is office of origin, Bureau file 100-434504, pertaining to an Anti-Communist Seminar held in Provo, Utah, before which WOOLERY, [redacted] former informant, and W. CLEON SKOUSEN, a former Bureau Agent, appeared.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that WAYNE HOLLEY wrote to HERBERT APTHEKER pertaining to the possibility of APTHEKER appearing in a debate relative to Communism with W. CLEON SKOUSEN. The enclosed letter is either in response to the letter from WAYNE HOLLEY or is the reason why WAYNE HOLLEY wrote along the above lines to APTHEKER. HOLLEY is considered to be the head of the Communist Party in Utah, and in all probability the enclosed letter is a result of HOLLEY's approach to APTHEKER.

This is submitted for the information of the Bureau and New York Office.

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J. Edgar Hoover
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been considerable noise recently towards the efforts of some to establish mental health programs in this area. It has been charged that these Child Guidance Clinics are communist fronts for infiltration and to make the Capitalist himself finance a large portion of the quiet conquest of our nation".

What is the F.B.I. stand on this? Is there a basis for such charges? Does the F.B.I. have official reports or literature exposing such schemes, that are available to the general public? I would appreciate receiving such literature.

I have been told also that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and President Kennedys press secretary have been accused of being a communist, and that they have not denied this. Is this true?

I would also like to know from a reliable source the extent of the Democratic platform that Mr. Khrushchev openly supports.

I have recently had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Cleon Skousen speak and have read his book "The Naked Communist". As a mother and an American, I feel the time and effort of such people as yourself and Mr. Skousen who feel it a sacred obligation to inform the American people and guide them to a complete understanding of communism.

My sincere gratitude to all of you.

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Sincerely,

Mrs M. L. Lamph

2698 Redlands Dr.
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1 - Mr. Simpson

March 9, 1961

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Mrs. M. L. Lamph
2698 Redlands Drive
Costa Mesa, California

Dear Mrs. Lamph:

I have received your letter dated February 27, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

CLEON SHOUSEN

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am precluded, therefore, from complying with your request. I trust you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that our files do or do not contain the information you desire.

I am enclosing some material concerning the menace of communism, available for general distribution by the FBI, which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states there has been considerable noise concerning the efforts of some to establish mental health programs in her area. There are some charges that these child guidance clinics are communist fronts for infiltration. She inquires as to the FBI's stand on this, if there is a basis for such charges and whether the FBI has official reports or literature exposing such schemes. She also inquires whether Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and President Kennedy's press secretary are communists. She states she would also like to know "the extent of the Democratic platform that Mr. Khrushchev openly supports." Correspondent states she has read a book by Cleon Skousen and states she appreciates the time and efforts of people like the Director and Skousen who feel it a sacred obligation to inform the American people.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

There is no information in Bufiles indicating that mental health programs are a part of the communist conspiracy. Cleon Skousen mentioned by the correspondent is a former Bureau Agent and former Chief of Police at Salt Lake City, Utah. He has written a book which is strongly anticommunist in nature.

In view of the highly controversial nature of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the Bureau's interests.

Correspondent's comment that she appreciates the efforts of the Director and Mr. Skousen in informing the American people is not believed worthy of making a specific comment in our reply.

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Mrs. M. L. Lamph

NOTE ON YELLOW FROM PAGE TWO:

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What You Can Do To Fight
Communism and Preserve America."
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "Communist Party, USA."
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 3/1/61

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: WESTERN RADIO-TV CONFERENCE
Salt Lake City, Utah
February 25, 1961
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SA Charles D. Brennan, Central Research Section, attended the captioned conference and spoke as scheduled at the conference on communism in the United States. Those attending the conference comprised a high-level, well-educated group of individuals not only in the field of radio and television but also representing various universities as well as important industries from eleven western states. In addition to the radio and television executives present, for example, there were also representatives from Stanford University and from the Standard Oil Company of California.

After Brennan's speech at the conference, many of these individuals volunteered comments to Brennan expressing their gratification at hearing a representative of the FBI discuss communism in a factual manner and through a balanced approach.

Most interesting in contrast were comments made by numerous individuals who stated that they are becoming more and more alarmed by the efforts of people that they characterize as "professional anticommunists bordering on the verge of fanaticism" in discussions of communist activities. In this respect, it is interesting to note that two individuals commented specifically that recently they have heard Cleon Skousen speak on communism and said that his recent speeches in this field are beginning to border on the verge of rabble rousing. One individual commented that he has attended several meetings recently where individuals spoke on communism, and he stated that many of the speakers on the subject not only are not being factual but are even contradicting each other.

Skousen, of course, is a former Agent and also formerly was chief of police in Salt Lake City. Therefore, this criticism coming as it does from his own area is even more noteworthy regarding his recent activities.

Enclosures

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Section Tickler

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Memorandum Sullivan to Belmont
Re: WESTERN RADIO-TV CONFERENCE
Salt Lake City, Utah
February 25, 1961

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping from "The Salt Lake Tribune" concerning the conference and Brennan's appearance there. Also enclosed is a letter from Mr. Keith M. Engar, Chairman of the Convention Committee, which handled arrangements for the conference. No acknowledgment of the enclosed letter is necessary in view of his observation that he is also writing to the Director.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

See 



Utah Broadcasters Elect, Close Meet

The Utah Broadcasters Assn. Saturday elected Arch G. Webb, station manager of Radio and Television Station KVOG, Ogden, as its new president.

HE SUCCEEDS KENNETH J. HANNI, Salt Lake City, business manager and auditor of Radio and Television Station KCPX.

The election marked the end of the UBA's annual convention at the Hotel Utah.

BILL KING, manager of Station KSVC, Richfield, was elected first vice president; J. Allen Jensen, Salt Lake City, vice president of Radio and Television Station KSL, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

In the morning, speaker C. D. Brennan, a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, warned that one of the Communist Party's major objectives in the United States in 1961 is the organization of a nationwide youth organization.



Arch G. Webb . . . Heads Utah broadcasters in '61.

ITS PRIME target, he said, will be college and university campuses.

Already one of their young leaders has surveyed campus opportunities, he said.

"WHILE THE Communist Youth Group's organization and publication do not identify themselves with the party, their role will be one of recruiting 'socialist oriented' youth. The organization would provide members for transition into Communist Party ranks.

So far, he said, the overwhelming majority of the nation's youth and youth groups have shown a keen analytical awareness of Communist objectives and have rejected them.

MR. BRENNAN is a unit chief in the domestic intelligence division of the FBI in Washington.

The broadcasters' conference was in conjunction with the Western Radio and Television Conference.

CONFERENCE guests from 11 states inspected overhead camera teaching techniques in a demonstration at the University of Utah.

The technique affords the teacher control of a television camera. He may use the camera for close-up projection of exhibits and models. As such, it serves as a visual aid.

THE IMAGE IS shown in receivers located in the classroom or in other classrooms. Students are permitted a close-up look at exhibits and demonstrations formerly denied them in large classrooms.

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THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE
February 26, 1961
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Salt Lake City Office

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FEBRUARY 27, 1961

Mr. CHARLES D. BRENNAN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR CHARLES:

IT WAS SURELY A PLEASURE TO HAVE MADE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE. YOU ACCOMPLISHED JUST WHAT THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE HAD HOPED YOU WOULD: ALERTING BROADCASTERS TO THE CURRENT COMMUNIST STRATEGY, BUT REASSURING US THAT THE F.B.I. IS CONSTANTLY WORKING TO THWART THAT STRATEGY. I HOPE THAT THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY CAN EMPHASIZE THE POSITIVE VIRTUES OF AMERICAN BELIEFS AND NOT BE UNWITTING TOOLS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA. THE PROBLEM IS GOING TO BE WITH US FOR MANY YEARS, AND WE'LL NEED ALL THE LEVEL-HEADED ADVICE WE CAN GET. WE'VE HAD TOO MUCH OF THE "PROFESSIONAL ANTI-COMMUNIST" VARIETY.

I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF WRITING MR. HOOVER AND SENATOR BENNETT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR YOUR EXCELLENT TALK.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Keith M. Engar
KEITH M. ENGAR, CHAIRMAN
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 13, 1961

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: DR. FRED C. SCHWARZ
 THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNISM CRUSADE
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER)

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Mr. Tavel

Dr. Frank Barnett of the Richardson Foundation has informed me that Dr. Schwarz is apparently so successful financially with his anticommunist activities that he and his associates are now able to open up local headquarters in different parts of the country. As we know up to this point, Dr. Schwarz, although an Australian, has been operating out of Texas for some years.

Dr. Barnett said that a headquarters has already been opened in Philadelphia and another on the west coast and others are expected to be opened in different parts of the country. He said these people will carry on their lectures, seminars and schools on anticommunism in various cities. If successful they intend to ultimately encompass the country systematically with local headquarters.

Dr. Barnett stated he also understands that a former Bureau employee, Cleon Skousen, has joined Dr. Schwarz in this endeavor.

As we know, Dr. Schwarz is an opportunist and we are not having anything to do with him and his activities. It might be added that such people as Dr. Schwarz are largely responsible for misinforming people and stirring them up emotionally to the point that when FBI lecturers present the truth, it becomes very difficult for the misinformed to accept it. In my opinion, Schwarz and others like him can only do the country and the anticommunist work of the Bureau harm.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Communist Terrorism Sketched

By JOHN L. CARPENTER
Gazette Staff Writer

The unfeeling ruthlessness of the Communist Party toward the Russian people was sketched today as Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, executive director of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, continued his talks here.

More than 1,000 persons attending the Greater Phoenix School of Anti-Communism in Hotel Westward Ho heard Schwarz tell how a "doodle" meant death to 1,500 counter-revolutionaries, Russians held in Red prisons.

Schwarz said that Vladimir Ilrich Lenin, then in control of the Communist Party, asked his chief secret policeman for a list of the imprisoned counter-revolutionaries.

After reading the list, Schwarz said, Lenin penciled an "X" at the bottom of the page.

BY THE FOLLOWING day, the 1,500 counter-revolutionaries were dead—murdered by the police, Schwarz asserted.

Lenin had put the "X" on the list to indicate he had read it; without a word, his secret police chief had interpreted the "X" to mean—slay the 1,500; and that's what he did, it was stated.

Dr. Schwarz commented that this also "showed they (the Communists) needed to improve their communication system."

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Mr. MASON WALSH, Mg. Ed.
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It is wrong to interpret the toppling of leaders of the Soviet Union, from time to time, as an apparent division in the Communist Party, Schwarz declared.

THE INTERNAL quarreling at the top is "a manifestation of the strength of communism," he observed—"we await disintegration (of the party) but it never comes."

The Communist Party, "an instrument of power and terror," is "more monstrous than anything the mind can conceive," and involves one man with power, the rest—slaves," Dr. Schwarz declared.

Last night, a throng estimated at 10,000 persons heard former FBI counterspy Herbert Philbrick of Rye Beach, N. H., warn that the Communists "intend to destroy America."

Philbrick spoke at Montgomery Stadium, where he earlier addressed an afternoon crowd estimated at 7,000. The sessions were part of the school, which ends Friday.

"Never underestimate the skill of a Communist," Philbrick declared. "They mean business. They are rough, tough, and nasty. They intend to destroy America."

AT 7 O'CLOCK tonight, Capt. E. R. Barnes, district chaplain of the Eighth Naval District at New Orleans, will speak on "Moral and Spiritual Foundation of National Power."

Dr. Schwarz will follow the Barnes speech with a talk on

"Cause and Course of Communism" at 8:30 p.m.

In talks yesterday, Dr. Schwarz said, ~~that~~ unless the American people "honestly dedicate themselves," communism will "conquer the United States by 1973."

PHILBRICK TOLD of the nine terrifying years he spent as a volunteer undercover man for the FBI, during which he posed as a Communist and joined various "front" groups.

He said that today some 10,000 hard-core Communists exist in the United States.

In a talk yesterday afternoon at the hotel, W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City, a former FBI agent, said Communists say "Christian love is an obstacle to their revolution. What we want is hate, so we can conquer the world."

SKOUSEN WARNED of Communist educators who "want religion out of the schools."

"They fight religion, but want to teach atheism. They have the philosophy that it's all right if you can get away with it."

He claimed some school textbooks are "intended to destroy our basic beliefs with undermined principles." As an example, Skousen mentioned a text which he said asserted that George Washington wrote the Constitution to preserve and protect his own private property.

Said Skousen:

"What are they talking about? I don't want my children taught that way."

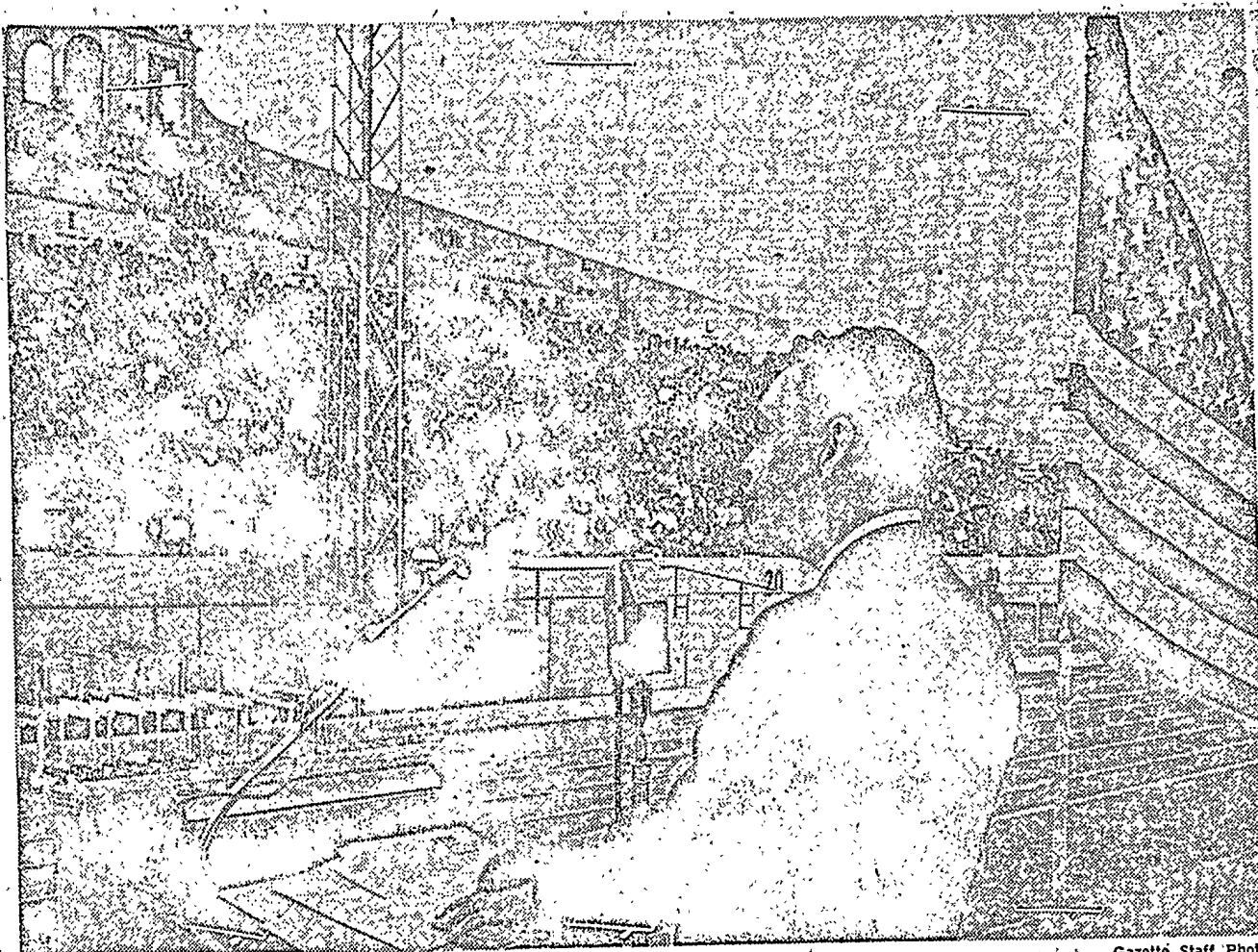
THE TEAM of speakers will continue school sessions beginning at 9 a.m. tomorrow with a talk on the "Communist Program for World Conquest" by Dr. Schwarz.

Other highlights include a speech at 2 p.m. tomorrow by Dr. Joost Sluis, San Francisco orthopedic surgeon and director of the crusade, on "Communism in Latin America."

Tomorrow night Dr. Robert Morris, president of the University of Dallas, Tex., and former chief counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, will discuss "America's Internal Security."

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Gazette Staff Photo

Herbert Philbrick, former FBI undercover agent, warned of the horrors of communism in two addresses at Montgomery Stadium. He spoke before about 7,000 persons yesterday afternoon and about 10,000 persons last night.

Christian Anti-Communist
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MUNISM SCHOOL
SPEAKER SAYS

W. Cleon Skousen, a former top aide in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told the Orange County School of Anti-Communism Tuesday night Russia ought to be kicked out of the United Nations. In a hard-hitting attack, Skousen also proposed the United Nations Charter be rewritten in accord with democratic principles to prevent use of a one-voiced veto by Russia. In general, Skousen said it is time the U.S. government wakes up and fights back at commu-

plane was intercepted over New Mexico, and how Major Jordan, upon finding 50 black file cases with secret documents, grounded the plane and flew directly to Washington D.C. There, he went to the state department with his fantastic tale of treason. The state department heard his story and referred him to the White House. The White House heard his story and referred him to Hopkins. And then, Major Jordan

him. He had some suggestions on how this could be done. He pointed out to a capacity crowd attending the school of anti-communism, that through peaceful, economic and political pressures, "We could smother communism within our lifetime and close the 20th century with a constitution of freedom—freedom for all mankind." Skousen recalled how the United States saved the Russians from falling to Hitler in World War II.

was almost court martialed. He was told that "he wasn't fighting the war for the United States." Hopkins then ordered that the plane proceed intact to Russia. But the real kicker came a bit later when Hopkins ordered four planes carrying more than enough refined uranium salt to build more than one atomic bomb." Skousen also mentioned the Rosenbergs, the Korean War, Chiang Kai-shek's battle against the communists and how the U.S. Government let him down when

He mentioned the neutrality pacts that Stalin signed with Germany and Japan before the onslaught of World War II. He mentioned Harry Hopkins, No. 2 man at the White House during World War II, who secured all available information on the Atomic Manhattan Project and along with other top intelligence documents, put them on a land-lease plane bound for Moscow. Skousen also related how this

he needed help the most. And he also mentioned the U-2 incident last year. But he didn't apologize. He said he felt the United States should continue these armless flights as long as Russia continues its campaign to enslave the whole world. He said enough to fill a book. And he has. It's entitled, "The Naked Communist." And he said if you didn't have a copy, and couldn't afford one, he'd mail you one free.

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In the afternoon session, Dr. Joost Sluis spoke on Communist aggression in South America.

He predicted that within the next six months, on Aug. 21 to be exact, British Guiana could very well become the first, constitutional, popularly elected Soviet satellite in the face of the Western Hemisphere.

He pointed out that the People's Progressive Party in that country is dominating the political front and that he strongly suspects the party is controlled by and operated

under orders from Moscow. Despite the fact that the United States has spent more than \$3 billion fighting communism in South America, the communists are still gaining ground with their tremendous propaganda machine.

Today: "Youth Day." More than 10,000 persons are expected to turn out to La Palma Stadium and the Disneyland Hotel to hear Skousen, Schwarz, Herbert Philbrick, George Todd and Paul Terry, speak against communism. Disneyland Hotel is sold out.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 80-454-94 2P

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PASADENA AREA YOUTH COUNCIL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

CONCERNING. MRS BESS DECKER, WIDOW OF STANLEY DECKER

PAREN NA UNPAREN, HAS CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AND STATED THAT

SHE IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE PASADENA AREA YOUTH COUNCIL AND

THIS COUNCIL IS HAVING ITS SPRING MEETING ON APRIL FIFTEEN

NEXT. SHE HAS REQUESTED A TELEGRAM FROM THE DIRECTOR

COMMENDING THE PASADENA YOUTH COUNCIL FOR THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE

DONE AND ARE DOING TO HELP SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND

ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND WORK TO

PROTECT THEIR FREEDOMS. MRS. DECKER HAS FORWARDED A COPY

OF A BOOKLET ENTITLED QUOTE GUIDES FOR YOUTH, COUNT DOWN

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GROUP IN THE STATE. MRS DECKER HAS REQUESTED FOUR HUNDRED COPIES OF DIRECTOR-S REPORT COMMUNIST TARGET DASH YOUTH, FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THIS MEETING. REVEIW OF INDICES REFLECTS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING MRS. DECKER, PASADENA AREA YOUTH COUNCIL, OR MISS VIRGINIA ~~NEWTON~~ ^{CAL} CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN TO WHOM TELEGRAM SHOULD BE SENT, PASADENA AREA YOUTH COUNCIL, ONE FOUR THREE NAUGHT ARROYO VEIW DRIVE, PASADENA. MRS. DECKER ALSO INDICATES ~~SHE~~ IS WRITING TO DIRECTOR AND REQUESTING HIS PERMISSION FOR AN AGENT TO BE PRESENT AND READ THE MESSAGE. W. CLEON SKOUSEN PAREN FORMER AGENT UNPEAREN WILL BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WILSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED BY SOME SIX HUNDRED YOUTHS AND TWO HUNDRED ADULTS. MRS. DECKER HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT HER REQUEST HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON. PAMPHELTS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM LOS ANGELES IF DESIRED. BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE THIS OFFICE, RECOMMEND TELEGRAM BE SENT AND PAMPHLETS FURNISHED.

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TO : Courtney Evans

FROM : John Seigenthaler *PK*

SUBJECT: Freedom Crusade

DATE: April 3,

We have received an inquiry from Congresswoman Green regarding Freedom Crusade, an organization which has requested permission to carry on a fund raising drive of \$88,000 to "fight Communism."

Two of the leaders of this group are Mr. Walter Huss and Mr. W. Cleon Skousen both of whom describe themselves as former FBI agents. M.s. Green would like to know if this is true and if possible the circumstances surrounding their departure from the Bureau.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-7-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM JOHN SEIGENTHALER
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
 ATTORNEY GENERAL

By memorandum to Mr. Courtney Evans dated 4-3-61, Mr. Seigenthaler advised he had received an inquiry from Congresswoman Green regarding the Freedom Crusade. Mrs. Green stated two of the leaders of this group are Mr. Walter Huss and Mr. W. Cleon Skousen and both describe themselves as former FBI Agents. Mrs. Green desired to know if this is true and, if possible, what the circumstances were surrounding their departure from the Bureau.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

We have had limited contact with Congresswoman Edith S. Green (D-Ore.). She has made public unfounded criticism of the Bureau on occasion and has entered material into the Congressional Record which was derogatory to the Bureau. On one occasion she furnished information to the Bureau which was not within our jurisdiction. This information was furnished the Department; however, Mrs. Green was later quoted in Drew Pearson's column as blaming the FBI for delaying a decision on the data she furnished.

Freedom Crusade is an anticommunist organization which is sponsored by Walter Huss, who has a radio program in Portland, Oregon. We have received numerous inquiries regarding the organization, and the Portland Office has advised they know nothing derogatory concerning Huss or his organization. Huss' talks have been reported to be anticommunist. In March, 1960, postal authorities were questioning the legitimacy of the non-profit organization mailing permit used by the Freedom Crusade. There was no indication of either procommunist or pro-Fascist leanings. Walter Huss has never been employed by the FBI in any capacity. (105-87325)

W. Cleon Skousen was employed in a clerical capacity from 10-24-35 until 6-17-40 when he was appointed to the position of Special Agent. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective 10-5-51 to accept other employment. His services with the FBI were satisfactory. He is on the Special Correspondents' List. (67-69602)

- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Jones to DeLoach
RE: Inquiry From John Seigenthaler

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Mr. Seigenthaler be orally advised by Assistant Director Evans regarding his inquiry of the employment of Huss and Skousen.

2. That this memorandum be routed to the General Investigative Division for consideration regarding the statement made by Congresswoman Green that Walter Huss was describing himself as a former FBI Agent. It is suggested that Mr. Evans might inquire if Mr. Seigenthaler can obtain any particulars from Mrs. Green regarding her allegations about Huss.

Done 4/14/61
Seigenthaler will
advise if he can get
any specifics from
Green, but he
agrees she isn't
too reliable.

Done 4/18
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yes. I would not
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Mrs. Green isn't
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Date: 5/12/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-4933)

RE: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
FORMER FBI AGENT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

IVAN A. ROBINSON, JR., (NA), Chief of Police, Downey, California, advised that W. CLEON SKOUSEN, former Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah, was creating quite a furor throughout the U.S., particularly in Southern California, with his speeches on Communism.

About two weeks ago, SKOUSEN gave a talk before the Rotary Convention in San Diego, California, and was described as a dynamic speaker against Communism. Chief ROBINSON has known SKOUSEN for many years and has always been favorably impressed with him until SKOUSEN has recently recommended that the Rotary Clubs throughout the U.S. pass the following two resolutions, which ROBINSON quoted substantially from memory:

- 1) "Remove all Communist nations and satellites from United Nations membership, including Russia".
- 2) "Place an embargo against Russia and all Communist countries."

As a member of a Committee of four in Downey Rotary to recommend whether above two resolutions should be passed by the Downey Rotary, ROBINSON has been quite perturbed. He believes SKOUSEN may be moving too fast and wanted the FBI to be aware of the gravity of this situation!!

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ROBINSON concluded that SKOUSEN was scheduled to speak on Communism on 5/12/61 at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, California.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-818)

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INFORMANT

Mr. ARCH L. MADSEN, President, Radio Service Corporation of Utah, 145 Social Hall Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah, was contacted at his request on 5/31/61 by SA [redacted]. He furnished the following information:

Radio Service Corporation of Utah operates Radio Station KSL, Salt Lake City, and KSL TV, Salt Lake City. Recently Mr. EZRA TAFT BENSON, former Secretary of Agriculture and a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, contacted MADSEN. BENSON told MADSEN that some local people had been in touch with BENSON pertaining to the activities of Dr. FRANCIS D. WORMUTH, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, and the activities of certain young people believed to be students at the University of Utah. BENSON requested that MADSEN talk with them and give consideration to what could be done to counteract the activities of these students and Dr. WORMUTH through radio and television. (It is to be noted that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints reportedly owns a controlling interest in Radio Service Corporation of Utah.)

Mr. MADSEN met with six men of Salt Lake City on 5/31/61. He furnished the names of these men and considers them to be reputable, patriotic citizens. MADSEN advised that as a result of his conversation with BENSON and these men, he has decided that his

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radio and TV station should take an active part in the fight against Communism, and in this connection he has present tentative plans, which include the following:

- (1) In connection with station breaks and commercials, the listening and viewing public will be from time to time reminded of the dangers of Communism, and it will be suggested that "Masters of Deceit" by the Director be obtained and read so that the dangers of Communism can be better understood.
- (2) Since WORMUTH has been attacking the House Committee On Un-American Activities and the film "Operation Abolition", MADSEN plans to show the film on KSL TV, invite Dr. WORMUTH to state his views pertaining to the film, and then invite someone such as W. CLEON SKOUSEN, former FBI Agent and former Chief of Police of Salt Lake City, to present the pro-American views pertaining to Communism. MADSEN contemplates having WORMUTH and the other speaker ask each other questions and engage in debate. He has not definitely decided that SKOUSEN is the speaker he should use in view of SKOUSEN's previous political activity in Utah and the opposition of the Mayor of Salt Lake City to SKOUSEN. He would like to find someone who is less controversial. Utah
- (3) MADSEN is giving consideration to the idea of having numerous short items on KSL Radio and KSL TV which would seek to educate the public with respect to certain phases of Communism. These would primarily deal with terms commonly used by the Communists but misunderstood by the general public and would include such things as imperialism, democratic centralism, colonialism, dialectical materialism, peace, and related subjects. He stated he is considering getting in touch with the sponsors of a program carried on KSL Radio at the present time for assistance in preparing these items.

MADSEN said he wanted the FBI to be aware of this and would be appreciative of any assistance or advice which could be given to him. He was advised that the FBI was not in a position to

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assist him in this matter but that his plans would be brought to the attention of the Bureau. He was requested to advise this office prior to the time he initiates the publicity pertaining to the Director's book and to furnish this office with his more specific plans in this regard, and stated he would be willing to do this.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

It is to be noted that numerous anti-Communist meetings have been held in Utah in the recent past. At the present time the Chamber of Commerce of Salt Lake City is sponsoring a series of four such meetings in Salt Lake City. MADSEN advised that the men who met with him stated that young people, who were apparently students of the University of Utah, were a disruptive influence at the two meetings which have taken place and after the meetings would attempt to interview people who had attended the meetings and talk them out of the idea that Communism was a threat to the United States.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 7/11/60 made available a letter dated May, 1960, from the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, New York 1, New York. The letterhead reflects the Executive Committee of this organization includes Professor FRANCIS D. WORMUTH of Utah.

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A characterization of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is attached to this airtel.

On 9/9/60 a Brief For Amici Curiae was filed with the Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, D.C., in the case of the Communist Party of the United States, Petitioner, vs. Subversive Activities Control Board, Respondent. An examination of this brief reflects Professor FRANCIS D. WORMUTH, Salt Lake City, Utah, was one of the amici curiae.

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Strong Policies Will Beat Reds, Speaker Asserts

It is still possible to beat the Communists without a general war if the western world, led by the United States, will abandon its weak policies in dealing with communism.

Former Salt Lake City Police Chief W. Cleon Skousen sounded this note to an audience of nearly 1,000 Monday night. In order to defeat the "Communist conspiracy" without all-out war, the free world must "have the courage to change the whole framework of thinking that has been so devastating in our dealings with the Communists," he said.

Mr. Skousen was addressing the first of four weekly greater Salt Lake City Anti-Communist Seminar sessions at Highland High School.

Movie Shown

The former chief spoke after showing the controversial movie "Operation Abolition," which was compiled and distributed by the House Un-American Activities Committee. The film deals with student disturbances at the committee's hearing in San Francisco in May, 1960.

In speaking of methods which should be used in dealing with the "Communist conspiracy," Mr. Skousen suggested a four-point program for toppling the Communists:

1. "Recapture" the United Nations and make it effective by denying membership to the Soviet Union, its satellites and other "war-making" nations.

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Recognize Conspiracy.

2. Recognize the Communist Conspiracy for what it is—a criminal (not political) program—and deal with its accordingly. One method of this cited by Mr. Skousen was a recent action by the Arizona Legislature and governor in outlawing the Communist party in that state.

3. Strike at the Sino-Soviet bloc at its weakest point instead of running around trying to put out brush fires. Where is the "weakest point?" Food, Mr. Skousen said.

Mr. Skousen declared the nations of the world should declare a 100 per cent embargo against the Soviet Union and her satellites. This, he said, would result in uprisings by millions of starving citizens of Russia and the satellite countries, because none of these nations raise enough food to sustain themselves.

"The wheat sent to China from Canada and Australia are doing nothing more than nurturing and coddling the Chinese army," Mr. Skousen said.

4. Recognize and do what the Reds have feared we would do—cut off Red propaganda machines by closing Red embassies and legations from all intercourse with the West," Mr. Skousen declared.

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"Love That H Bomb," Cold War Advocates Preach In Salt Lake

By SAM KUSHNER

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — In this beautiful city's most modern high school auditorium, Highland High, 1,000 heard an ominous call for war. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer told his audience that "a form of war" exists with the Soviet Union.

The week before, in the same auditorium, Admiral Chester Ward, another retired military man, declared he was out to kindle one of the most macabre love affairs in history — between the American people and the hydrogen bomb.

We must, declared Ward, the former judge advocate of the U. S. Navy, put an end to the "fear" of the H-bomb. "We've got to learn to love that bomb," he added.

These "lectures", at \$1 admission, were part of a series on "anti-Communism", which many have called "community brainwashing".

The recent months have seen a step-up in "defense" production in this area.

As has happened with increasing frequency in city after city, the American Security Council, a blacklist agency, was very much on the scene.

At the outset of the series, the warmonger Cleon Skousen, new ASC official, sat on the stage. He is a former Salt Lake City police officer and was also,

as were almost all other ASC officials, an FBI agent.

Unlike some of his less literate gumshoe friends Skousen boasts of his book writing. He penned "The Naked Communist," which was on sale at Lakeside High School the night I was there.

The ASC and the Board of Education were announced as co-sponsors of the series originally. But the protests against the school board's action were too much even in a city which has J. Bracken Lee, associate of many neo-fascists, as mayor. The board dropped its co-sponsorship but the seminars were widely advertised in the schools.

Glee clubs and ROTC groups from the schools were much in evidence.

Skousen was the pitchman, who came to his home town to set the stage for the brainwash-

ing operation. After showing the "Operation Abolition" film of the House Un-American Committee, he spoke over the radio.

He denounced the Freedom Riders, and toyed with the truth by saying the A C was supported by unions. When asked which ones, he said "I just don't remember offhand". Not a single union has ever appeared in the ASC listings.

Admiral Ward is the Washington representative of the ASC, and he and Gen. Wedemeyer are members of the recently formed National Strategy Committee of the ASC, which has called for resuming nuclear bomb testing.

Skousen was asked if there were any differences between the John Birch Society and the ASC. Not in objectives, he answered, but only in tactical approaches.

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Memorandum

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 7

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney
General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Letter from John A. Thayer

*2665 Arnold Way
Corvallis, Oregon*

There is enclosed for your information a letter dated May 12, 1961 from John A. Thayer of Corvallis, Oregon. A copy of our reply is enclosed.

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2665 Arnold Way
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The Hon. Robert Kennedy
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I should like to bring to your attention a matter which has been of concern to me and to other citizens for some time. This regards the activities of former agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who, as private persons, engage in professional activities without properly divesting themselves of the quality, if not the authority, of their previous positions as public servants.

The latest example of this to come to my attention took place in Portland, Oregon on Thursday, May 11th. The facts, according to report in the Portland Oregonian of May 12th, are as follows:

In the City of Portland, an organization known as the Freedom Center, Inc. petitioned the City Council for permission to solicit funds to fight Communism. Acting as attorney for the Freedom Center was a Mr. Leroy B. Skousen, identified by the Oregonian as an "ex-FBI agent." In presenting his client's case, Mr. Skousen was quoted by the Oregonian as saying: "I would not associate myself with these people if I had not made a thorough investigation." He went on to say, again according to the Portland paper, that the group was a legitimate organization and was constructively "trying to build a house of education" against the Communist menace. He was also quoted as saying: "I categorically deny that these people have attacked the churches or any minority groups. As a member of the FBI for ten years, I can tell you that you should be concerned (about the Communist menace)*. The FBI and the police can't do the job all by themselves—they need your help."

Sir, I am disturbed by these recurrent examples of private citizens who insinuate official sanction for their opinions. I suggest that behavior of this sort encourages an unhealthy public attitude toward the rule of law. Therefore, it seems but just that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make public disclaimer of all similar statements by its former personnel.

Very truly yours,

John A. Thayer
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Mr. John A. Thayer
2665 Arnold Way
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mr. Thayer:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 12, 1961 to the Attorney General. Your interest in bringing this matter to the attention of this Department is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By:

ORAN H. WATERMAN
Chief, Civil Section

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July 20, 1961

Dear Sir,

The jacket biography of W. Cleon Skousen's book The Naked Communist states that Mr. Skousen "served for 16 years in the FBI."

A local person has told me that Mr. Skousen was a clerk during this period with the FBI. Would you please tell me in what capacity Mr. Skousen served the Bureau and what title he had while serving? Thank you.

Mrs. Howard Gesley

Mrs. Howard Gesley
11611 Glen Cove Dr.
Garden Grove, Calif.

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July 26, 1961

Mrs. Howard Gesley
11611 Glen Cove Drive
Garden Grove, California

Dear Mrs. Gesley:

Your letter of July 20, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Skousen was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a clerical capacity from October 24, 1935, until June 17, 1940, at which time he was appointed to the position of Special Agent. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective October 5, 1951, to accept other employment. His last title was that of Special Agent.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Information regarding W. C. Skousen taken from his personnel file. His services were satisfactory while he was in the Bureau.

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AUTHOR—W. C. Skousen, ex-FBI agent, will speak at anti-Red rally.
Times photo

U.S. Plays Into Hands of Reds, Author Says

U.S. foreign policy has played into the hands of the Communists, ex-FBI agent W. Cleon Skousen said at his Brentwood home Tuesday as he prepared to speak tonight to an anti-Communist rally denied the use of a Navy band.

"We forced colonies into independent states before they were ready for self-government," said Skousen, of 334 S Bundy Dr., author of "The Naked Communist."

Skousen will be the principal speaker at the rally at 8 p.m. today in Santa Monica Civic Auditorium sponsored by the Coast Cities Freedom Program.

Band Ruled Out

Refusal by the Department of Defense to let the 11th Naval District Band play for the rally aroused a furor last week. Navy officials had said the Defense Department has ordered the armed forces disassociated from "Communism on the Map," a film which will be shown at the rally.

Skousen said that rather than attempting to negotiate with the Communists, we should use trade embargoes, break off diplomatic relations and prosecute Communist agents.

Haig Toroian, rally spokesman, said tape-recorded music by a Navy band will be played tonight. He said no answer had been received to his last-ditch appeal to President Kennedy to allow the band to appear.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/17/61

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (80-0358)

SUBJECT: KSL RADIO STATION
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Re Salt Lake City letter to Bureau, dated 7/10/61.

The radio program "Public Pulse", over radio station KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah, was monitored on 7/14/61. This program began at 9:15 p. m. with WES BOWEN as the host and moderator. The first part of the program was a guest editorial which had no connection with Bureau interest.

BOWEN announced that Mr. W. CLEON SKOUSEN would be a guest on "Public Pulse" each Friday evening and would be reviewing the book by J. EDGAR HOOVER "Masters of Deceit". At 9:19 p.m., SKOUSEN began his review, which continued until 9:42 p.m. He stated that he would begin with the chapter pertaining to the origin of the Communist Party in the United States. SKOUSEN then reviewed this origin and discussed other matters pertaining to the Communist Party but without specific reference to the chapters in the book by name. His review was complimentary in every respect to the Bureau and was consistent with the book. At the close of his review he stated that on the following Friday he would begin with the chapter captioned "Why Do People Become Communists?". He did not state what chapter this was.

Mr. SKOUSEN, without specifically stating, covered Chapters 4 through 7 during his review and will begin with Chapter 8 on Friday, 7/21/61.

The period between 9:42 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. was given over to questions and comments from persons who phoned in to WES BOWEN. During this period, six people phoned in. Four of these asked questions pertinent to Communism of Mr. SKOUSEN. One made some comments of his own against

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Communism and its dangers and one was not pertinent to the subject. It is to be noted that "Public Pulse is available to listeners for the expression of all types of opinions and the listeners are not restricted to the particular subject matter of an evening.

Mr. SKOUSEN, in his answers, referred frequently to "Masters of Deceit" as the source of the information he was furnishing.

The above program created a definitely favorable reaction among the responding public with respect to the Bureau, the book "Masters of Deceit" and the Director.



ANN SHINNICK LENDS A HAND TO BOOST EDUCATIONAL PROJECT
Her co-workers are her grandmother, Irene Dunne, left, Mrs. Lorena Mayer.

Top Speakers Booked for Anti-Red School

Nationally known experts in the field of communism will speak at the six-day Southern California School of Anti-Communism in the Sports Arena starting Aug. 28.

The event, described as the most unusual educational operation open to the general public ever conducted here, will be sponsored by a local citizens' committee in association with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

Scheduled speakers include Fred Schwarz, executive director of the crusade; Herbert Philbrick, former FBI undercover agent and author of "I Led Three Lives," and Cleon Skousen, former FBI agent and author of "The Naked Communist."

Sessions will be from morning through evening, with a special youth night Aug. 30.

Sole purpose of the school is to educate citizens on Communist methods, objectives and philosophy and how to combat the menace effectively at all levels, according to committee general chairman Patrick J. Frawley Jr.

Among those on the steering committee is actress Irene Dunne. Mrs. Lorena Mayer, widow of film executive Louis B. Mayer, is in charge of women's clubs ticket sales.

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Tallahassee Democrat

Monday, August 7, 1961

A Groundswell Showed Here

Cleon Skousen, former FBI agent, turned anti-communist author and lecturer, says there is a groundswell of American public opinion which will force our federal officials and diplomats to take a sterner course to stop advances of communism here and abroad.

The reaction of the audiences which heard him in Tallahassee certainly would indicate that his appraisal of the temper of the people is correct for this segment of America, at least.

The very fact that he could attract an almost capacity audience of 1,000 or more on a hot August night to sit perspiring on the hard, cramped seats of a Leon High School auditorium for two hours listening to his lecture is significant. Such attendance for lectures is not usual here in Tallahassee, where our people at times seem distressingly oblivious to distinguished visitors.

It was a representative audience, too. Young people and old, laborers and professors, shirt-sleeved and coated, politicians and business leaders.

His lecture detailed the long story of American withdrawals, appeasements and conciliations in the face of communist Russian and Chinese advances and our failure to plug up holes through which subversion and espionage flow. It constituted a bipartisan indictment of our leadership over the past quarter-century.

Our history of complacency was shaken time after time as he retold, from

congressional testimony, overlooked or forgotten stories about the shipment of atomic secrets and even refined uranium to Russia before we ever exploded the first atomic bomb, and his reminder that we still haven't closed our patent office to Russia.

He left us wondering when he recalled that President Kennedy still has in the State Department, some recently restored to active service, men who were in charge when as a congressman he called for exposing to public disgrace those responsible for literally giving China away to the Reds.

His first great burst of applause came when he said "it is time for the United States to recapture the United Nations or get out." This followed his criticism of the UN set-up as containing a "fantastic fraud" in limiting membership to peaceful nations and then letting an accused nation veto any punitive action in the Security Council.

The audience appeared to be overwhelmingly with him, too, in his proposal that the United States sever diplomatic relations with Russia and lead other free nations in a total economic blockade of the Soviet and Red China to hit them where they are most vulnerable.

It was a conservative, nationalistic, peace-loving but fighting mad audience that Cleon Skousen talked to in Tallahassee. He says it is that way wherever he goes, and he predicts the peoples' voice will be heard in Washington. We hope so.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (80-0-358)

SUBJECT: KSL RADIO STATION
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Rebulet dated 7/31/61.

The program entitled "Public Pulse" transmitted over Radio Station KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah, was monitored on 8/11/61. This program began at 9:05 PM, with WES BOWEN as the host and moderator. BOWEN announced that W. CLEON SKOUSEN was continuing as guest on Public Pulse and would review the book entitled "Masters of Deceit"; written by J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. SKOUSEN explained to the public the threat of Communism and then discussed the chapter in the above-described book which dealt with "What is it like to be a Communist?" SKOUSEN quoted from the Director's book, speaking very highly of the author and stating that the Communist Party (CP) promotes Soviet Government programs. He explained how the Party uses left-wing groups to further their causes, and told of the CP organization, commencing with the national leaders and the various commissions within the Party. He told of their peace rallies and the flow of letters sent by their followers to government-officials endeavoring to influence their vote.

SKOUSEN then explained it was not easy to be a Communist, that it was difficult to be accepted into the group, that the member's loyalty is tested, and he was thoroughly checked and rechecked. Mr. SKOUSEN explained it is necessary for a CP member to attend schools, pay dues and donations, subscribe to the various Communist newspapers; that the individual rights of a member of the CP are a thing of the past; that the cause of Communism is above all; that the member owes everything to the Party and in return the Party owes nothing to the member.

SKOUSEN then explained he was personally acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] and told of the

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wonderful work of these two individuals and the sacrifices they made for their country.

SKOUSEN spoke for approximately twenty or twenty-five minutes, after which the listeners were permitted to telephone the radio station and ask questions of him. One caller wished to know how he could recognize or identify a Communist. SKOUSEN explained the members of the CP do not carry cards any more and it would be difficult to identify one as a Communist unless he openly expressed the Communist program and reported that he belonged to the Party. Several other questions were asked dealing with current events and SKOUSEN's views on these various subjects.

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Diplomatic Split With Russ Advocated by Ex-FBI Agent

The way to defeat communism is to break diplomatic relations with Russia, ban the Communist Party in America, and place an embargo on all trade with China and the Soviet Union, says W. C. Skousen, former FBI agent.

Addressing 4,500 persons at the Anti-Communism School at the Sports Arena Tuesday night, Skousen said a combination of these political and economic actions would touch off an explosion of freedom behind the Iron Curtain and bring victory to the West.

Skousen placed the blame for the many cold war defeats of the U.S. on "a small leftwing group in the State Department" and demanded a thorough congressional investigation of this situation.

HE ALSO insisted that the charter of the United Nations be re-written or that the United States walk out of the world body.

Retired Adm. Chester Ward returned to the speaker's platform to advocate that the Navy enforce an embargo on arms shipments to Cuba, that nuclear testing

be resumed, and that the U.S. drop the idea of disarming.

The retired Navy officer also suggested that the U.S. secretly arm at least 100 of its merchant ships with Polaris missiles to reinforce its deployment of Polaris-armed submarines.

Tonight's sessions of the Anti-Communism School will be held in the Coliseum, where a youth rally will be staged. It will feature Pat Boone, Herbert Philbrick, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Cornel Wilde, and George Murphy.

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Break Ties With Russia, Anti-Red Speaker Urges

Also Proposes Banning of Party in U.S.

BY LOUIS FLEMING

The United States must break diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, W. Cleon Skousen, author and former FBI agent, said here Tuesday night.

He brought 4,500 persons attending the Southern California School of Anti-Communism repeatedly to their feet as he outlined an action program.

Join the Communist Party in America, Skousen said. Place an embargo on all trade with China and the Soviet Union, he added.

The combination of political and economic action will bring victory to the West.

KFTV COVERING ANTI-RED SESSIONS

TV station KFTV (11) is covering the nightly sessions of the Southern California School of Anti-Communism from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

KFTV pre-empted its regular nightly shows Monday through Thursday so it could provide coverage of the event at the Memorial Sports Arena.

and tough off an expulsion for freedom behind the Iron Curtain, he predicted.



ANTI-COMMUNISM SPEAKERS—Speaking at the Southern California School of Anti-Communism Tuesday were Dr. C. C. Trillingham, left, county superintendent of schools, and W. C. Skousen, former FBI agent and avowed foe of Communist conspiracy. Times photo.

His speech and an earlier call for a victory program touched off the most enthusiastic demonstrations since the school began Monday in the Sports Arena.

Impatient at Defeats

All of the speakers expressed a growing impatience with the cold war defeats of the United States.

But the audience reached a peak of enthusiasm when Skousen placed the guilt on a "small, lawless group in the State Department" and called for a thorough-going congressional investigation of the men who make American foreign policy.

He insisted, however, that he and the other faculty members are hopeful that the nation at last is accepting their program for victory.

"We are beginning to win," the former G-man from Salt Lake City said. "A groundswell is coming up in America."

Charges Bungling

Before presenting his program for action, Skousen traced the history of Communist growth and credited virtually all Communist successes to State Department bungling.

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There was thunderous applause when he insisted that the charter of the United Nations be rewritten or that the United States quit the world organization, and when he hailed Gen. Douglas MacArthur as "one of the greatest Americans of our day."

Ringin' applause was given earlier to a call for victory by Rear Adm. Chester Ward, USN (ret.).

Adm. Ward said Americans must demand that victory in the cold war, not accommodation with the Communists, be their national goal.

He called for a return to the policy of George Washington who said "it must be known that we are at all times ready for war to keep the peace."

Rising Demand Cited

Declared Adm. Ward:

"There is a rising demand for victory among the American people. We need to translate this will for victory into political force."

He offered this program:

1 — The United States should declare the western hemisphere a peace zone and use its Navy to enforce an embargo on arms shipments to Cuba.

2 — The United States should resume nuclear testing immediately because the test ban "is the short way to national suicide."

3 — The United States should secretly arm at least 100 of its merchant ships with Polaris missiles to bolster the deployment of Polaris-armed submarines around the world. This is the nation's only invulnerable deterrent, he said.

Drop Disarmament

4 — The United States should drop the idea of disarmament. "This is no time to talk disarmament because disarmament is a Communist trap for us and Khrushchev, he's said so," Adm. Ward added.

The United States should "get rid of the architects of accommodation, the foreign policy advisers who give President Kennedy bad advice."

Adm. Ward was repeatedly interrupted by cheers as he followed this suggestion with a statement that "we want victories, not explanations," and "I'm perfectly willing to pension all of them or put them in the housing administration."

Earlier Dr. Fred C. Schwarz told the 3,000 persons present that America must and can learn to predict the actions of the Communists to win the cold war.

"After you understand the Communist dialectic, you not only can understand the Communists but you also can predict their actions," he said.

"To understand communism one must learn to think like a corkscrew," he added.

Dr. Schwarz, president of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, and Dr. James D. Colbert, of Long Beach, vice president of the crusade, were lead-off speakers for the day. The crusade is directing the school.

As the meeting opened, a lone woman picket marched outside the Sports Arena carrying a home-made placard protesting that the school was aiding communism and totalitarianism. She declined to identify herself.

The morning program ranged from Dr. Schwarz's lecture on dialectical materialism to an outline by Dr. Colbert of the overseas action program being sponsored by the crusade. Dr. Schwarz said that the audience would be given an opportunity to make donations to the crusade at a windup banquet Friday evening in the Shrine Exhibition Hall

Goal of Conquest

Actions of the Communists frequently seem to contradict their avowed intentions, but, Dr. Schwarz emphasized, "their goal remains the total, permanent conquest of the world—all that changes is the method of advance toward that victory."

Some Communists appear the friends of religion to capture the power of religion, but the ultimate aim remains that of destroying all religion, he said.

Dr. Colbert hit at the same theme and asked:

"Where does America draw the line?"

The audience cheered.

"The destiny of the free world is being decided among the 1 billion people in the free, uncommitted, neutral nations of the world," Dr. Colbert said.

He called for an all out effort "to win the hearts and minds of these people."

The role of the schools in

fighting communism was outlined by Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools, during the afternoon session.

"America needs an inspired younger generation equipped to outwork and outthink and to outbelieve its foes and not settle for peaceful coexistence," he disclosed to loud applause.

Part of the Communist conspiracy includes a "basic attack through education," Dr. Trillingham warned.

He outlined numerous programs in county schools to improve the understanding of America and to expose communism.

Anti-Red School Told Victory Plan

Weapons in War
to be Pens, Cash,
Tape Recordings

BY LOUIS FLEMING

A program for victory over communism without gunfire was offered as the Southern California School of Anti-Communism came to an end Friday.

Weapons in the new war will be pens aimed at congressmen, tape recordings humming in backyards to repeat the lessons of the week-long school, and 10,000 independent "Americanism fronts" of citizens.

And the weapon will also be dollars sent to the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, which directed the school and sponsors educational anti-communism programs in several countries overseas.

3,500 at Banquet

Leaders of the crusade outlined the action program at wind-up sessions of the school before 4,000 persons in the Memorial Sports Arena and at a "Design for Victory" banquet attended by 3,500 in the Shrine exhibition hall.

With missionary zeal, political enthusiasm and Madison Avenue deftness, the plan of action was unfolded by William P. Strube Jr., Houston insurance executive and secretary of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, and by the president of the crusade, Dr. Fred C. Schwarz of Sydney, Australia.

The victory formula is "people plus knowledge plus motivation," Strube said.

Code of Servicemen

Strube called on everyone to adopt a pledge based on the code of conduct for servicemen:

"I will never forget that I am an American citizen, responsible for my actions and dedicated to the principles that made this country free. I will trust in God and in the United States of America."

Citizens will need to turn to God with renewed dedication to assure victory, Strube said.

He offered no specific legislative program, forbidden under crusade policy, but he expressed opposition to a number of policies, including the cultural exchange with Communist countries, the sale of jet trainers to Yugo-

slavia revealed in The Times Thursday, and the foreign aid programs to Yugoslavia and Poland.

Red Plot Described

The Communist plot is to surround the United States, demoralize the American people and then win America through surrender on Communist terms, Strube said.

A morning speaker, W. Cleon Skousen, former police chief and FBI agent, also called for a religious basis for militant anti-communism.

Skousen substituted for Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.), who was unable to leave Washington.

"Marx really meant it when he said he was going to dethrone God and capitalism," Skousen said. "To him they are equally important."

Appeals for Funds

Three major overseas projects of the crusade were described by Dr. Schwarz in an appeal for financial support at the evening "victory banquet."

The crusade needs \$23,000 to complete the purchase of a new press for a daily newspaper it subsidizes in the state of Kerala, India. An additional \$50,000 is needed to launch a program in Japan, translating Dr. Schwarz's book and distributing it throughout the land with other anti-Communist literature and a weekly newspaper, he said.

"I hope the day will come when we can establish Latin American Institutes to indoctrinate these people in the

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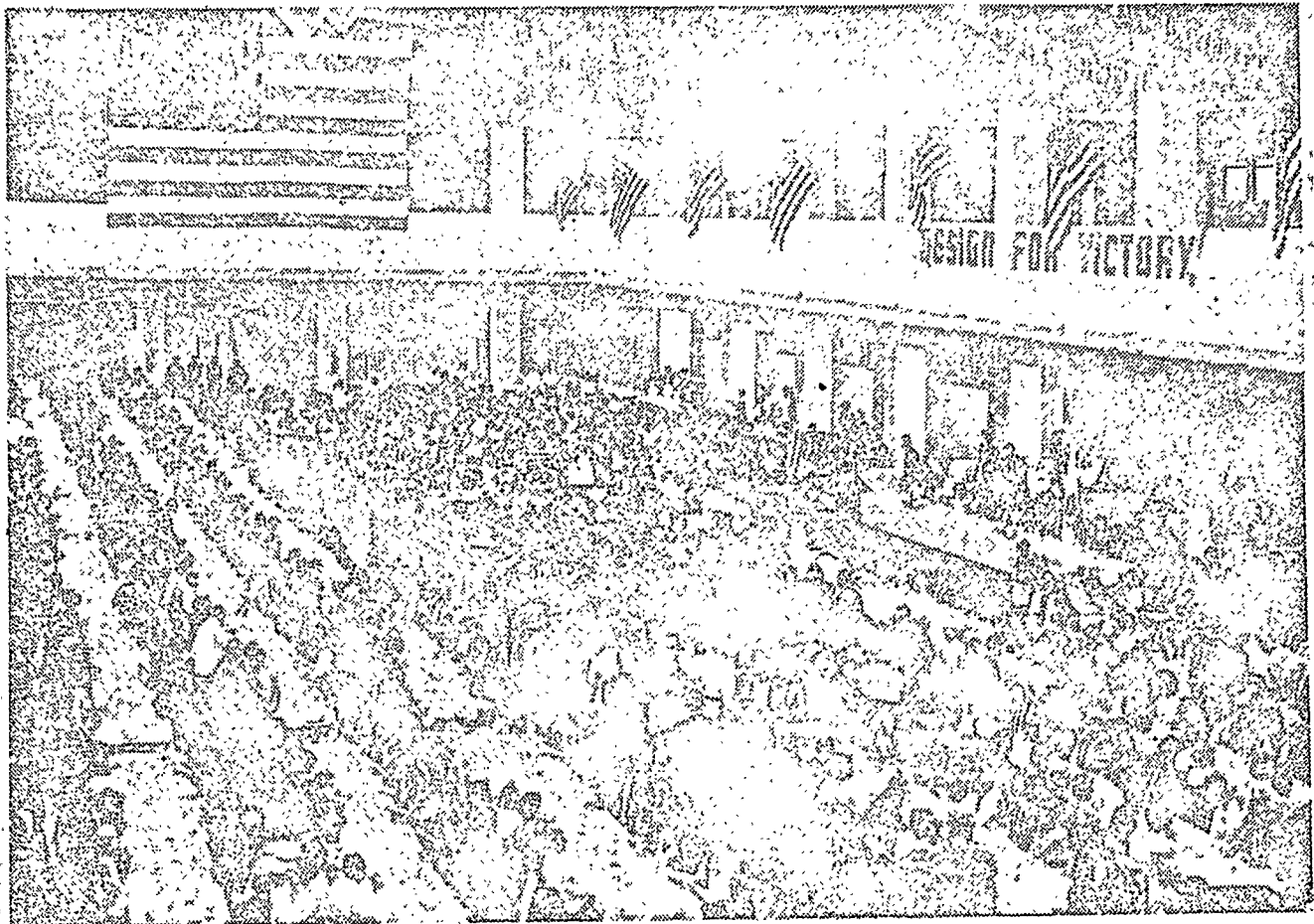
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UNITED IN ANTI-RED FIGHT—This is part of crowd of 3,500 Southlanders who attended "Design

for Victory" banquet of Southern California School of Anti-Communism at the Shrine exhibition hall.

—Times photo

hideous nature of communism and send them back to fight," he said.

Faculty members from the school added a final word of challenge at the banquet.

Earlier in the day Dr. Schwarz gave a public accounting of the finances for the school and the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. He was cheered as he held high a handful of checks totaling \$8,975. Thousands of additional dollars were pledged at the evening banquet.

\$100,000 Expenses

Expenses for the week-long school will be about \$100,000, Schwarz said. He told reporters that advance receipts exceeded \$60,000.

Sales of literature and recordings grossed \$10,000 in the first three days of the school, he said.

Among the expenses were fees for lecturers who were paid \$100 per lecture with the exception of one man, paid \$750 per lecture, and two speakers who got \$500 per lecture.

The Christian Anti-Com-

munist Crusade has arranged with the sponsoring citizens' committee to cover any deficit or accept any surplus for its work, he added. He expressed a wish that there will be a surplus in excess of \$225,000.

The crusade itself last year operated on a budget of \$382,000 and Schwarz said he expects to have twice that amount to work with this year.

About 40% of the money is expended overseas in anti-Communist educational programs, he said.

Dr. Schwarz said his salary is \$5,000 a year, plus all of his expenses. His wife receives \$450 a month as secretary of the movement in Sydney, Australia, their home. The highest salary among the 25 full-time staff members of the crusade is

\$650 a month plus house allowance, he said.

Schwarz added as a footnote to his accounting that all royalties from his book, "You Can Trust the Communists," go to the crusade.

The book is a major weapon in the crusade, which has sent free copies to 31,000 and is sending 20,000 copies to English-language libraries throughout the world.

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Sept. 2, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

W. Leon Shousen

Dear Mr Hoover,

We, in Southern California have had the experience of attending and watching the Christian Anti-Communist School held in Los Angeles this last week. One of the outstanding speakers, we thought, was a Mr Leon Shousen whom, we were given to understand, was at one time a part of the F. B. I.

Since that time I have talked to certain persons who have said that Mr Shousen served in a very minor capacity in the F. B. I. and was asked to leave it. That he was also in some unsavory doings in Utah in connection with the governor.

I've written you, hoping that you could clear up these allegations. In order to answer these persons I would certainly appreciate the straight information from the best source.

Thanking you for your time and kind attention to the request, I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Mrs Don Craggs SEP 14 1961
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September 12, 1961

Mrs. Don E. Craggs
801 East Donny Brook
La Habra, California

Dear Mrs. Craggs:

Your letter dated September 2, 1961, has been received.

Mr. W. Cleon Skousen was a clerical employee of the FBI from October 24, 1935, until June 17, 1940, when he was assigned as Special Agent of this Bureau. He voluntarily submitted his resignation on October 5, 1951.

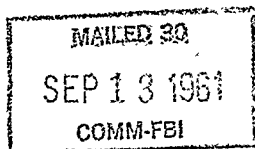
I am unable to answer your specific inquiries because this Bureau is not fully acquainted with his activities since leaving the FBI. In this connection, also, I would like to point out that we are an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, do not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

I am enclosing some material you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 29, 1961

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: TEXTBOOK ON COMMUNISM

According to the newspaper, the San Antonio "Light," of July 24, 1961, W. Cleon Skousen, former FBI Agent, intends to write a textbook on communism for use in the schools of this country.

As we know, Skousen, when he was in the FBI, did not concentrate in the field of communism. However, he has been giving lectures on the subject around the country, and during the past year has affiliated himself with the extreme right-wing group under the leadership of Frederick Schwartz of Texas.

The above, to me, is another example of why a sound, scholarly textbook on communism by the Director is urgently and badly needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

- 1 - Mr. A. H. Belmont
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Sept. 9, 1961
Rt. 2, Box 602
Tyler, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

W. Cleo Skousen

Knowing that you are a very busy person, I hesitate about writing this letter, but I feel that I must have information from someone on whom I can rely. You, I feel, are the only one that can tell me what I would like to know.

I am 32 years old, a housewife and the mother of two sons. I truly want to be a patriotic American and inform myself as a good citizen should. Feeling as I do, I am finding it harder every day to know what to believe and what not to believe. We have an organization in our city called the "Freedom Forum", and at first I was sold on it; these people were going to tell me what communism is and how I can combat it. But now I wonder if their purpose is only politics. They seem to keep talking about how rife our government is with communists, that the U.N. is just a kind of communist front, and a lot of other things that I simply do not understand.

Enclosed you will find a clipping from our morning newspaper, that will give an idea of what I am talking about. Mr. Skousen made his speech here in Tyler last night. Another former F.B.I. agent, Mr. Earl White, is president of the Freedom Forum. Mr. White is a member of my church, Presbyterian U.S., and is, I am sure, a sincere person. He has been teaching my Sunday School class, so I have heard his views on many things, and some of them are quite good. But, he is against the National Council of Churches.

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America Clean-Up Urged By Speaker

Tyler Morning Telegraph
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By LANE STEPHENSON

Morning Telegraph Staff Writer

What this country needs is to clean house in the State Department, reorganize the United Nations or else get out of it, break diplomatic relations with criminal Russia and slap the whole Communist block with a 100 per cent trade embargo.

This is what former FBI Agent W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City told more than 1,000 applaud-

See picture on Page 8, Section 1

ing Tylerites and East Texans Friday night during the first public lecture sponsored by the permanent Tyler Freedom Forum.

Skousen, author of "The Naked Communist," traced most of this country's modern-time blunders straight to an elite, professional, left-wing segment of the U. S. State Department. He mentioned the ousted Alger Hiss as a prime example of this group which still has a strong voice in the formulation of national policy.

He called for a thorough investigation of the whole department.

The former Salt Lake City police chief was equally critical of the U. N. and, in particular, Dag Hammarskjold, its secretary-general. Hammarskjold, he said, is a Marxist socialist competing with Nikita Khrushchev for world domination.

Skousen cited the Congo situation to back up this contention.

This, he emphasized, was a Communist operation in the beginning and still is, but now under the disguise of the U. N.

Coming in for particular attack was the charter of the world organization, especially the portion which give veto power to the five members of the security council. Russia, he pointed out, used this authority effectively to avoid censor in the Hungarian revolution and investigation in the shooting down last year of an American reconnaissance bomber.

He noted that he and several other critics of the U.N. are now working on a revised charter and hope to have it completed in the near future.

Advocating taking the offensive in the cold war, Skousen said the U. S. should start looking upon Communists as international criminals and start doing a few things to them, rather than wait. (See AMERICA, Pg. 8, Sec. 1)

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ing to see what they are going to do to us.

To the delight of the audience, he at one time remarked, "It's been a terrible shock to the President to realize he's dealing with a criminal (Khrushchev)."

The only thing Khrushchev understands is action and tough language, Skousen contended, and every time this country has used it, Russia has backed down.

His suggestions in regards to doing something include breaking diplomatic relations and forcing our allies to join us in throwing up a complete trade embargo against the sagging economies of all the Communist countries.

Turning to the Berlin crisis, Skousen flatly stated, "There's absolutely nothing to negotiate. Berlin requires no settlement; it's already been settled by treaty."

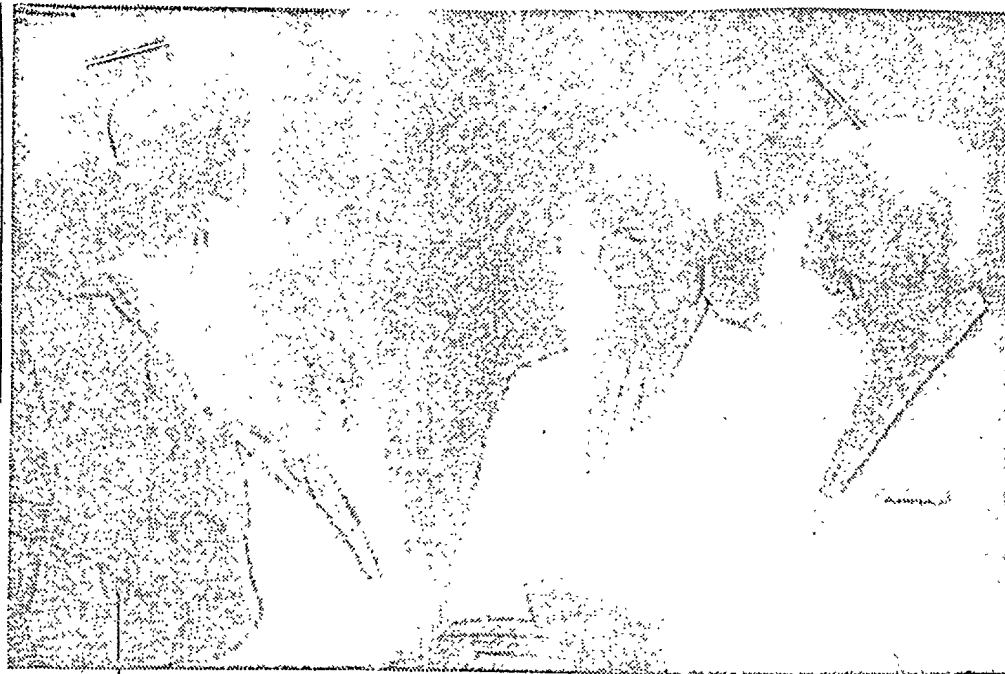
Berlin, he continued, is nothing more than a crisis Russia creates at will to take the attention off its activities in other areas of the world.

Skousen said these other areas include Laos, India, Cuba, Africa and Southeast Asia.

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TYLER FREEDOM FORUM—(From left) Marshall Adkins of Troup and Ray Osborn of Arp are shown being greeted Friday night to the first official function of the permanent Tyler Freedom Forum by Jennings Vaughn, one of its directors, and the Rev. Bill Moore, pas-

tor of Southern Oaks Baptist Church and a member of the Freedom Forum's executive committee. W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City, author and former FBI agent, addressed the public meeting. (See story Page 1, Section 1.)

(Morning Telegraph Staff Photo)

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Mrs. James L. Hough
Route 2, Box 602
Tyler, Texas

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Dear Mrs. Hough:

Your letter of September 9, with enclosures, has been received, and it was certainly thoughtful of you to write. I deeply appreciate your very kind remarks concerning my administration of the FBI, and my associates and I sincerely hope that our future endeavors will merit your continued approval.

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While I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

It is always good to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who display a desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. Enclosed is some material you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. W. Cleon Skousen, former SA, EOD 10-24-35 as clerical employee, 6-17-40 as SA, voluntarily resigned 10-5-51. Alfred Earl White, a former SA, EOD 11-6-39, resigned 1-19-51, due to transfer to Kansas City. Correspondent enclosed clippings from 9-9-61 issue of "Tyler Morning Telegraph" dealing with a speech Skousen made to Tyler Freedom Forum.



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JAMES A. WECHSLER

The John Birch Society and its fellow travelers are many long miles away from power. Their raucous know-nothingism may complicate the cruelly difficult problems confronting the President, but I have no desire to see any abridgement of their right to speak their folly.

There is, however, valid ground for concern over mounting evidence of a spiritual and tactical liaison between this right-wing cabal and the United States Army.

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Recently I described here the circulation at Camp Kilmer of a sample indoctrination lecture that combined the views of the Birch Society and the late Sen. McCarthy. Now there has come to hand a memorandum headed "Headquarters, San Antonio Subsector Command Advisor Group, VIII U. S. Army Corps, Fort Sam Houston, Texas" and signed by "Ira L. Beard, Lt. Col., Commanding." It was addressed to USAR personnel and called on all good men to participate in a "regional strategy seminar" sponsored by the San Antonio Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It pledged that "retirement point credit will be awarded Army reserve personnel who attend the seminar" and asked that "all recipients of this letter give the seminar wide publicity."

The "seminar" to which Col. Beard summoned his legions has been held. Both public and private reports make it clear that the event was a dreary right-wing revival meeting, bringing the kind of message that Birch Society leader Robert Welch would deliver to the armed forces if he were commander-in-chief.

Among those listed on the inspirational program were Ret. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, a gallant general who has become one of the immortals in Birch Society lore because of his proclaimed hostility to the United Nations and other national endeavors, and Sen. J. Strom Thurmond, the Mississippi segregationist who has led the crusade for Birchite General Walker.

Others on hand to inspire civilian and soldier alike were W. Cleon Skousen, an ex-FBI man who has been graduated to the lecture circuit, Donald L. Jackson, a former member of the House Un-American Activities Committee whose constituents had the wisdom to retire him and Dr. Gerhart Niemeyer, a Notre Dame professor.

According to a published report in the San Antonio Express and News, it was ex-G-man Skousen who topped everyone. He charged that "World War II was Communist-inspired in a plan under which Germany and the rest of Europe and the U. S. would knock each other off." Adolf Hitler was apparently a victim, or a bystander. Skousen further suggested that Harry Hopkins was the leader of a plot to substitute Russia for England as the second great political power. (At least Hopkins was not alleged to be downgrading America.)

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Ex-Congressman Jackson, the same newspaper said, denounced Dr. J. B. Hunter, executive secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches, "for calling the FBI a secret police network which infringes on men's rights" and assailed "the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, for a prayer he called blasphemous and deserving to be republished in the Communist paper."

General Wedemeyer's remarks were apparently delivered too late to be included in the paper's report but a liberal Texan who was present at the meeting reports that the General voiced impatience with the Episcopal Church for its tolerance toward the Freedom Riders. The General's present world outlook was perhaps best indicated in April, 1960, when he urged the nomination of a J. Edgar Hoover-Harry Byrd ticket.

There were nearly 3,000 people present at the opening session. I have no way of knowing how many of them were military personnel responding to Col. Beard's call. A few would be too many.

In the memorandum calling for all-out attendance at this rally of the radical rightists, Col. Beard said "this seminar will be an abbreviated version of the Defense Strategy Seminar which is conducted annually at the National War College for officers of the Reserve Components." If that were true, this would be a bigger story than I have so far suggested; I trust his enthusiasm, as a promotion man inspired him to embroider the facts.

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In any case both the San Antonio story and the Camp Kilmer exhibit published here last week warrant the concern of the country. There is no reason to believe these are isolated episodes; the affinity of military men for right-wing political adventures is a recurrent phenomenon in many places.

I do not mean to frighten anyone by suggesting that these events indicate the flowering of a military conspiracy. But neither should such primitive manifestations be absent-mindedly ignored until they achieve more serious dimensions.

No national hysteria is required. What is needed is clear, continuous affirmation of the proposition that Army officers have no business inflicting on their troops any form of political dogma—right, left or center. Any process of Army education should be the function of civilians working directly under the Commander-in-Chief.

The San Antonio Junior Chamber of Commerce has the right to run any kind of show it pleases. But let us ponder the storm that would have been unleashed if Col. Beard had circulated a memo urging Army personnel to attend a "seminar" on the House Un-American Committee being conducted by the San Antonio chapter of the Civil Liberties Union with Roger Baldwin as keynote speaker.

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The FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

W. Cleon Skousen

Was the Mr. Skousen who says he is the author of The Naked Communist ever a member of the FBI? I understand he claims to be.

Under the guise of such experience he has been lecturing in Nebraska under the auspices of the Farm Bureau. By the time he finishes his speech, one feels that compared to Harry Hopkins, who betrayed his country at every opportunity, ably assisted by Acheson & Hiss, that the error of Benedict Arnold was but a trifling one.

To speak as if all this was known to the FBI but hushed by a previous administrations casts, I feel, an unmerited slur upon our Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Yours truly,

/s/

Esther Hamm
(Mrs. K. C. Hamm)

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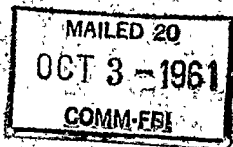
I have received your letter of September 27 and appreciate your interest in writing.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI in the capacity of clerk on October 24, 1935, in which position he remained until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. Mr. Skousen's opinions are strictly his own and do not represent the FBI in any manner.

Enclosed is some material on the general subject of communism you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's 4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
The Communist Party Line

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-12-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WILLARD CLEON SKOUSEN
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI
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In accordance with Mr. Tolson's inquiry, a check of Skousen's personnel file has been made in an effort to determine what contact he may have had with the subject of communism in connection with his assignments while working for the FBI.

Skousen entered on duty 10-24-35 in a clerical position and as an Agent on 6-17-40. He resigned while assigned to the Los Angeles Office on 10-5-51, at which time he was in grade GS-13. When he first came to the Bureau as a clerical employee in 1935, he was a messenger. On 8-1-37, he became a night supervisor in the Communications Section and on 2-16-39 he became chief of the Communications Section, his work for the most part being connected with the Teletype Unit. He entered Agents' Training School on 6-17-40. There is no definite indication in his personnel file that he had any contact with the subject of communism other than the fact that in his first office, which was Omaha, an efficiency report indicated that he handled all types of cases except bank robbery and antitrust. He was assigned to the Omaha Office from August, 1940, to December, 1940, when he was transferred to the Kansas City Office. On 4-4-41, he reported to the Chief Clerk's Office here at the Bureau and was transferred to the Records and Communications Division on 6-25-41. On 6-5-45 he was transferred to the Los Angeles Office. Efficiency reports indicate that he was primarily concerned with criminal, selective service and applicant work in his field office assignments. During the period he was in the Los Angeles Office, in addition to some criminal work, he was primarily assigned to police training schools and spoke on the subjects of juvenile delinquency, police administration and public relations. Files indicate that he was a notable speaker and was used extensively on speeches beginning in his first office of assignment as an Agent. In the early 1940s Skousen spoke several times on the subjects of sabotage, national defense and subversive groups; however, due to the fact that this was the period leading up to and beginning World War II, the subversive groups to which he had referred were undoubtedly German or Axis Powers.

During his tenure at the Seat of Government as an Agent, he was a supervisor in the Chief Clerk's Office in the Communications Section and later was

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Re: Willard Cleon Skousen

assigned to what is now known as the Crime Research Section. A review of articles and statements on which Agents of the Crime Research Section conducted research at that time has been checked and there is nothing to indicate that he did any research on the subject of communism; however, he did research for several articles on sabotage.

After leaving the Bureau, Skousen became an administrative assistant to the President of Brigham Young University. In connection with his leaving the University to become chief of police at Salt Lake City, Utah, an item in the 6-9-56 issue of "The Desert News Telegram" revealed that he had written a number of books and articles on a variety of subjects. The article indicated that the latest book which would be coming off the press is "The Cry of Communism."

A brief check of abstracts under Skousen's name revealed that between 1941 and 1946 he handled a limited number of investigations or wrote reports or memoranda on internal security and espionage classifications, and from 1947 until he resigned there were no abstracts under his name for either the internal security or espionage classifications. Inasmuch as there was no mention in his personnel file of his having anything to do with communist matters the fact that abstracts indicate he did some internal security and espionage work back in the early 1940s is undoubtedly insignificant, but rather every indication is that he was primarily associated with criminal work.

RECOMMENDATION:

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In March, 1960, Skousen was dismissed from his position as Chief of the Salt Lake City Police Department by Mayor J. Bracken Lee amidst a public controversy between the two. In connection with Lee's political campaign for Mayor in November, 1959, many statements were made on television, radio, and in the press that should Lee be elected, Skousen would be removed from his position. Our Salt Lake City Office, during the controversy which raged following Skousen's dismissal, advised that Skousen had been dismissed because he refused to allow strip-tease shows and gambling to take place in Salt Lake City. Mayor Lee was vicious in his attack against Skousen in the newspapers, and, in fact, called and spoke to you during the controversy in an obvious effort to obtain ammunition which he could use against Skousen. He seemed rather disappointed when you advised that Skousen had left the Bureau in 1951 on his own accord.

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Ex-FBI Man Cites Ways to Defeat World Conspiracy of Communists

Complete collapse of the communist system in the world could be brought about if the West were united, W. Cleon Skousen, former FBI agent, told the audience of Project Alert in the Woodruff hotel in an absorbing speech that lasted more than an hour, just before the Saturday noon break.

Skousen, in disclosing "the weakest factor in communism, its real Achilles heel," asserted that half of Russia's manpower is tied up in the task of producing food. "The truth is," he said, "as an economic system, communism just doesn't work. If the West would unite and agree on a complete trade embargo against the Sino-Soviet bloc, the whole organization would collapse in a matter of months."

The audience applauded vigorously at this point, as well as at several other times during Skousen's presentation. Although he was speaking in a dead serious vein, he also drew laughs from his audience as he satirized the illogical statements made by communist leaders.

"After we showed them in 1955 that we were willing to fight for Matsu and Quemoy," he said, "they suddenly became all friendly and peaceful. They said to the United States, send some of your people over here, we have things to show them. And we'll send people over to your country, there are some things we want to see."

Skousen characterized the invitation to Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev to come to the U. S. as a "diplomatic blunder," and said people in Washington were convinced—as actually happened—that President Eisenhower would not be permitted to visit Russia. "When you're dealing with the Soviets," he said, "always get yours first."

agent, author of "The Naked Communist," declared that Harry Hopkins, chief aide to President Roosevelt, made the grievous error during World War II of thinking that "we could make friends with the Russians." He said the reds never acknowledged the billions of lend-lease aid given to them by the U. S. to help stave off Hitler's armies. Hopkins died a few months after the war, deeply disillusioned, Skousen added.

"We need not criticize unuly those who have made mistakes in the past, if we just try not to make the same mistakes," he said. "But there are men in high places today who are talking about the same mistaken actions that have proven so tragically wrong in the past."

World War II was actually precipitated by Stalin, in a planned move to set the capitalist nations at each other's throats, and when they were exhausted, to move in and take over, Skousen said. "But Stalin made one mistake. He didn't anticipate Adolph, Hitler's double cross."

Noting that every move by the State department since the end of World War II has been directed toward building up Russian strength at the expense of other nations, Skousen cited the failure to send military aid to Chiang Kai-shek and the failure to drive the Korean conflict to a conclusion as typical blunders. "There is something," he said, "seriously wrong in our State department, and we as American citizens should demand a full-scale investigation." This statement drew a spontaneous ovation from the audience.

"Most people do not understand why we lost China, or why we have lost other Far Eastern areas."

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charter, with its veto provision for a single member of the Executive council, was "stacked" in favor of Soviet Russia. He declared America and the West should demand a redraft of the U. N. charter in a way to further what were declared as the U. N. aims, "to further the cause of peace and promote individual freedom."

He also advocated breaking off diplomatic relations with Russia and telling the Soviets envoys "to go home and take your spies with you." Here again he drew applause. He was given a standing ovation as he concluded.

Audience Stirred by Red Threat

Jolietans are deeply concerned about the threat of communism in the free world and are anxious to learn more of its dangers.

More than 300 persons displayed this feeling with standing ovations for six prominent anti-communist figures appearing Saturday on the Project Alert program sponsored by the Herald-News at the Woodruff Hotel.

Emotions of shock were expressed when the speakers pointed out how near the free world is to falling under the shadow of communism and how the communist movement is being financed by American dollars, realized through the sale of narcotics illegally imported from red China and sold on a wide scale in this country.

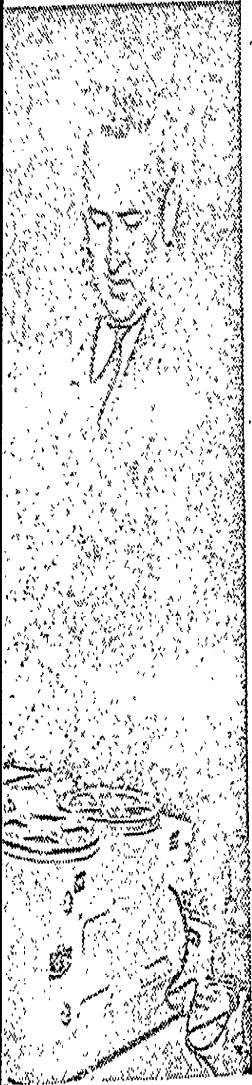
Each speaker was greeted outside the meeting room by throngs of persons seeking to express gratitude to the noted faculty for its frank discussions of the dangers we face from communist encirclement and the suggestions offered for heading off the dangers.

Certainly the White Paper issued by Dean Acheson in 1949 doesn't tell the story. If you want to know what happened in China, read Gen. Wedemeyer's report, not 'A Nation of Sheep,'" Skousen asserted.

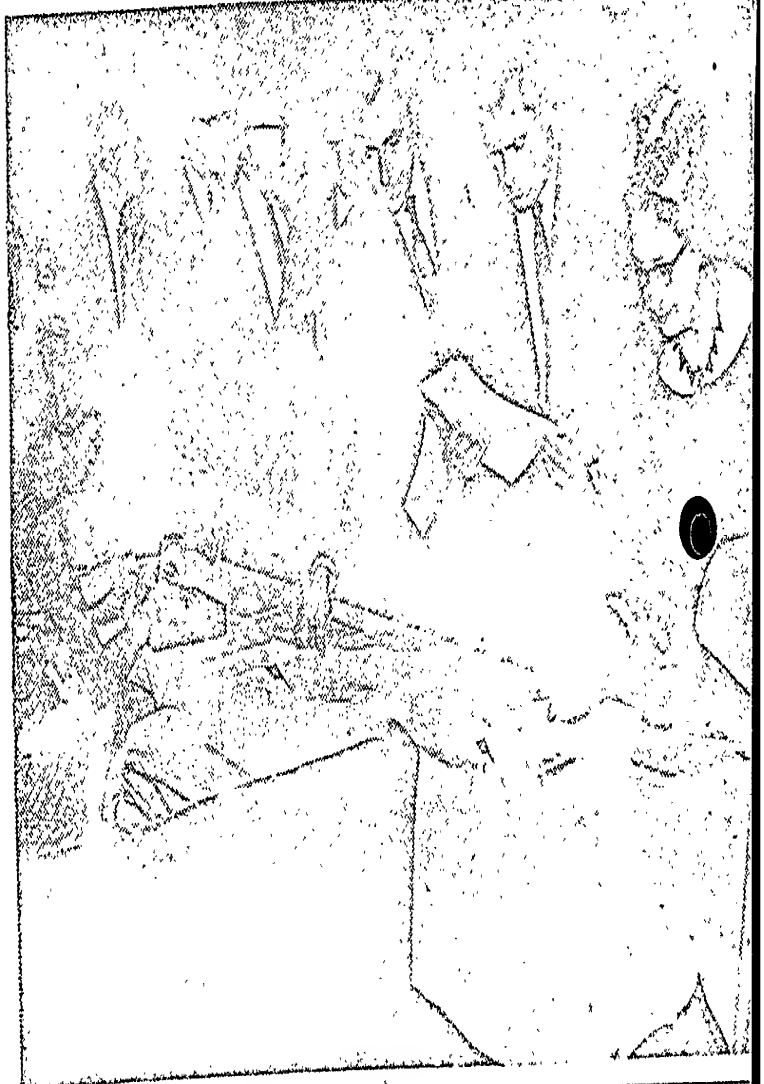
The speaker referred repeatedly to the "world planners" in State department and declared they apparently were unable to understand the true nature of the communist movement. "Finally," he said, "John Foster Dulles began to recognize the red threat and decided that there was no point in trying to co-exist; what we had to do was co-resist."

He said the United Nations

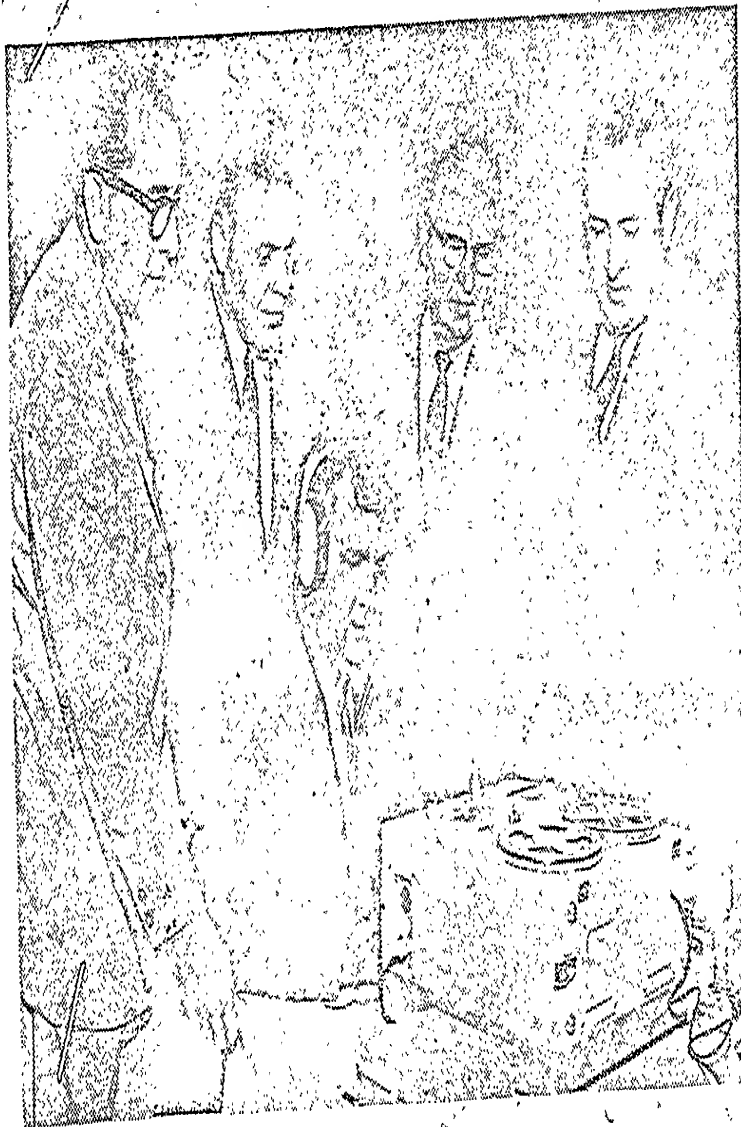
Project Alert' Draws Capacity Audience



Scenes at Saturday's patriotic seminar, Project Alert, sponsored by The Herald-News. At left, John Forbin of the Caterpillar Security office prepares to tape program as Edward Peterson, Paul A. Terry, Dr. George S. Benson and H. M. Kleckner look on; above, Cleon Skousen autographs copies of his book for Stan Gray (center) and John Satterlee; at right, last minute ticket buyers, filled ballroom to capacity. Ticket seller is Miss Karen Kramer. (Herald-News photos)

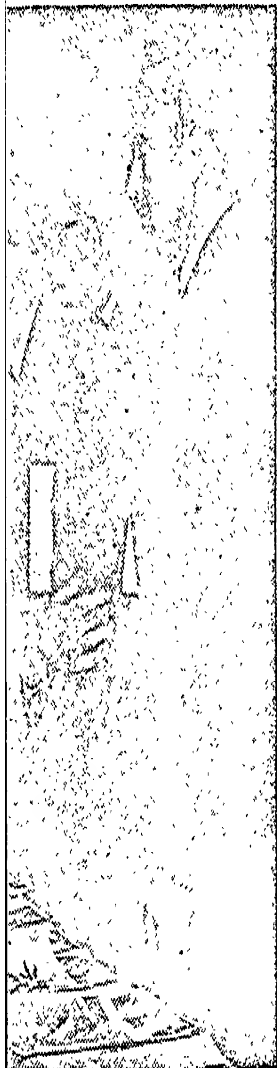


'Project Alert' Draws Cap



Scenes at Saturday's patriotic seminar, Project Alert, by The Herald-News. At left, John Forbin of the Security office prepares to tape program as Stan Gray (center) and John Satterlee; at right, Cleon Skousen autographs copies. Ticket buyers filled ballroom to capacity. Tim Kramer. (Herald-News photos)

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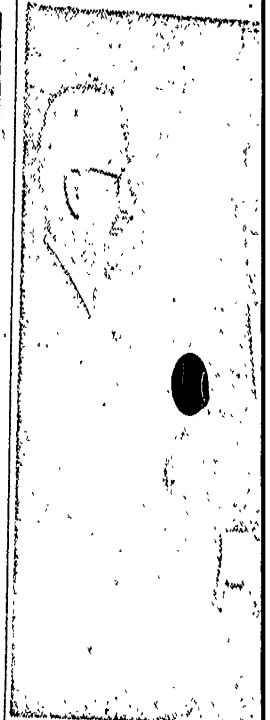


Scenes Saturday at the Woodruff hotel as Joliet area citizens heard an inspiring program of talks. At left Edward Peterson talks to a group looking at his picture display on narcotics; above, Dr. George S. Benson (left) with Mayor James P. Hennessy and Frank Masters Jr., Will county state's attorney; at right, William F. Blackburn, the Rev. Francis X. Clougherty, W. Cleon Skousen and Robert Herschbach take a "coffee break." (Herald-News photos)



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau Of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Research Matters

As an American Citizen I am interested in your opinion of the Anti-Communist meetings held last night in Los Angeles?

I have literature you were kind enough to send me at my own request regarding Communism, and I also have purchased your latest book relative to Communism. I feel you are qualified to speak on this subject since you have dealt with it many times. I have noticed that you have not endorsed this organization, and therefore I am somewhat skeptic of it.

Dr. Fred C Schwarz who is President of this organization is a native of Australia. Previous to being a Doctor he was a teacher. He has written two books on Communism which he is trying to sell. The first thing I think of naturally is "Why would a Doctor come here from Australia to lecture on Communism, and ask for contributions"? It would seem to me that Australia would be just as susceptible to the menace of Communism as the United States would be, and being a native of Australia it would seem to me that he would want to assist his own Country. For example Senator Joseph Mc Carthy was a fighter against Communism, but his fight was here in his own Country, he didn't leave the United States to fight Communism in some other Country.

Then I notice another member is former F. B. I. agent W. Cleon Skousen who has also wrote a book. Then of course they had Senator Thomas Dodd of Conn, speak as well as Rep. Walter Judd of Minnesota. Then of course it was filled with Movie Stars which are always a great attraction to the public. The interesting thing I noted about all of the Speakers, was the fact that they agreed that the cold war could not go on forever, but they failed to offer any solution after that was ended. Mr. W Cleon Skousen former agent of your department condemned our State Department and its Officials and so did Rep. Judd who is Chairman of our Foreign Relations Committee. Last was Dr. Schwarz who said he was taking the Anti-Communism schools to Washington. I noted the emotions of the people and how carried away they became. What will be the affect of all this on our Presidents efforts to settle the Berlin Crisis without war?

Whereas I have always been and still am now a bitter opponent, of this-judgement where are public Officials are concerned.

I recall only to vividly that when I was a young man and was singing on the radio in the early 1930's, which was the depression years, how amazed I was at the many people talking of over-throwing our government. Then as now I felt I was very fortunate to have been an American with the high principles, and basic freedoms, that we have due to our way of life.

and wish you and your department the very best of continued success.

Sincerely Yours,

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Hope to hear from you in the near future regarding the above subject.

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H. R. STAHELI, Principal

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

The undersigned is chairman of a group here in Provo who have organized for the purpose of informing the people in this area of the menace of communism. We are all either M.A.'s or PhD's and all in the field of education. Through our lecture groups we are able to reach many people in this area. We feel deeply the urge to arise and assert ourselves in strength against this communist illusion and criminal conspiracy against our beloved country.

We realize that your own Department has the foremost type of authentic information on the movement of conspiracy from its inception to present day orientations and strategy. We would like to request as much literature as you are able to supply for us or at least a sample of such literature as you have available. Also, if you would provide for us a list of all communist front organizations as reported by the Department of Justice we would be most grateful to you. We want to be on safe grounds by orientating ourselves most thoroughly with all Department of Justice publications. We have considerable activity in other areas of Utah orientated to bring the people to an realistic awareness of the propaganda goals of the Communist party in the persons of General Maxwell Mich and one of Your former agents and our pride, Mr. Cleon Skousen.

We will be most appreciative to you for your assistance.

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November 6, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On November 1 Mr. Cleon Skousen spoke to a large gathering in Green Bay under the auspices of Project Alert. Since that time several individuals and organizations have questioned both his integrity and his qualifications to speak on the subject of communism.

I realize of course that the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not endorse or condemn anyone. However because of your association with this man it would be greatly appreciated if you would give me your personal opinion of him. This is IMPORTANT.

Looking forward to your reply, I am

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Very sincerely yours,
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Mr. Mark W. Stewart
Garot-Christman Agency
115 South Jefferson Street
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Your letter of November 6, 1961, with enclosures, has been received.

Mr. W. Cleon Skousen was a clerical employee of the FBI from October 24, 1935, until June 17, 1940, when he was assigned as a Special Agent of this Bureau. His services with our organization were terminated on October 5, 1951, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation. I am unable to answer your specific inquiry since this Bureau is not fully aware of all of his activities since leaving the FBI. In this connection, also, I would like to point out that we are an investigative agency of the Federal Government and do not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

Enclosed is some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's 11-17-61 Statement Re Internal Security

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Mr. Mark W. Stewart

NOTE CONTINUED..... two leaflets pertaining to a "Project Alert" program in Green Bay, Wisconsin. "Operation Alert" is the name given to the activities of various groups of leading, civic individuals in numerous cities throughout the United States who are holding study groups on communism. Each one is separate and independent of the other and it has no organizational affiliations. "Operation Alert" originated in Pensacola, Florida, by a reserve Naval Officer who attended a "Cold War" seminar in which Assistant Director Sullivan participated. Other cities have followed his example and have also called their study group "Project Alert." We have had cordial correspondence with members of various groups and have afforded them Bureau material. Each is, however, considered on its own merit.

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Herbert Philbrick - Former counterspy for the FBI. He served as an undercover agent in the Communist Party for nine years. Mr. Philbrick is well known throughout the country as the result of his book and television portrayal of his activities under the title of "I Led Three Lives."

W. Cleon Skousen - Skousen entered the FBI in 1935 and served in various parts of the U.S. for a period of 16 years. During World War II he served as an administrative supervisor under J. Edgar Hoover in Washington, D.C. Mr. Skousen is best known for his book, "The Naked Communist", which became a best seller. This book received the national patriotic award of the All American Conference in Washington in 1959. Mr. Skousen was recently appointed the Field Director for the American Security Council. The most outstanding speaker to graduate from the FBI, he averages 350 speeches a year.

Wm. P. Strube, Jr. - President, Mid American Life Insurance Co., Houston, Texas; Vice-President, National Association of Life Insurance Companies; Secretary, Christian Anti-Communism Crusade; Secretary, Christian Programs, Inc. W. P. Strube is one of the world's foremost experts on communist subversion, infiltration, tactics, crimes, and methods of combatting them. We are extremely fortunate to have Mr. Strube as he is booked one year in advance.

Paul Harvey - Nationally known news commentator, Mr. Harvey is noted for his deeply patriotic spirit, and his promotion of Americanism. A hard hitting speaker.

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Wed. NOVEMBER 1, 1961

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CLEON SKOUSEN

"Communism and Education"

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Saturday Seminar (Continued)

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10:45 A.M.

"Where Do We Stand in the Cold War"

11:45 A.M.

"Structure of the American Way of Life"

Adjourn for Lunch 12:00

Saturday Afternoon 1:30 P.M.

PAUL HARVEY

"Revival of Americanism"

3:00 P.M.

W. P. STRUBE, JR.

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Saturday Evening

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and
"A Program of Action"

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October 27, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Some things are troubling me about our country's fight against Communism.

I have always felt that you and your department were adequate to protect us from subversion, and was happy to read your statement against "Vigilante" action last spring.

I do not know your private political preference - if you chose to vote Communist, however unlikely, that would be your affair, and yours alone. However, political opinion is definitely having more & more to do with anti-Communism in this country, as is a previously - existing area of ill feeling between liberal & fundamentalist religious groups.

These feelings are being intensified by speakers such as Cleon Skousen who lists himself as an Ex-FBI agent, thus assuming for himself the cloak of your department for respectability. In his particular case, there is the matter of being also Ex-Chief of Police of Salt Lake City.

Mr. Hoover, this is a matter of life & death, this capitalist-communist struggle. I know that you know it, but I am mortally afraid that some of these men get so self-hypnotized by the power they have attained over some segments of public opinion, they are no longer acting as responsible citizens.

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In the case of Mr. Skousen, there is a troublesome matter of his being the Ex-police chief, as I said. People live here who were in Utah at the time, and there have been statements that Mr. Skousen was fired by Mayor Bracken Lee for some financial skull-duggery which was hushed up as much as possible.

This with the fact he claims to be an Ex-FBI man bring one to wonder whether he is a proper person to lead large groups in a fight against anything, especially when he is advocating withdrawal from the U. N., crippling the State Dept., etc.

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I know there are many valid reasons why a man would leave the FBI - possible health or the fact that he has become too well known to be useful in investigative work. I would feel much better if I know his leaving the FBI was for a respectable reason; otherwise, I feel you might well publicly remove this protective cloak, as he is using it while exciting "Vigilante" action.

/s/ Very sincerely
Beth T. Hennings

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Mrs. Bill Hennings
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Dear Mrs. Hennings:

I have received your letter postmarked November 3 and want to thank you for your interest in writing. I appreciate your kind remarks concerning my administration of the FBI.

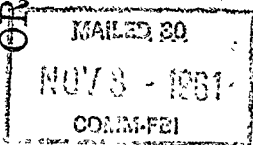
In response to your inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. Mr. Skousen's opinions are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. In view of your concern, enclosed is some material on the general subject of communism I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Could you please send me a letter to confirm my belief that he was with the FBI for 14 yrs. I believe and that he resigned from the Salt Lake City police force due to a misunderstanding with the Governor in carrying out his duty.

We appreciate so much what you have done for our country. I am sorry that more departments in our government aren't more pro American.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joan Bonebrake
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Miss Joan Bonebrake
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Dear Miss Bonebrake:

Your letter of November 1, 1961, has been received. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing and for your generous comments.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951.

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Project Alert Anti-Communism School Opens at Shrine Monday

BY DONALD L. NEFF

The second major anti-Communist school here in less than four months opens Monday in the Shrine with Project Alert's week-long program of films, movie stars and speakers.

Purpose of the school is "to expose the perils of communism and show the individual how he can combat it," according to Sam M. Cavnar, 36-year-old co-executive director of Project Alert.

Cavnar said Project Alert was formed here by a group of local business, professional and retired military men shortly after the Southern California School of Anti-Communism was held in the Sports Arena Aug. 28-Sept. 1. Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, pres-

ident of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, headed the school.

"Public enthusiasm shown for Dr. Schwarz's school and a need to help the individual see how he can personally contribute to the fight against communism were major factors in starting our Project Alert," said Cavnar.

The program starts with registration at 8:30 a.m., Monday, followed with the first speech by W. Cleon Skousen, author and former

FBI agent and police chief of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Skousen, faculty director of the school in charge of approving all material presented, will open the school with a discussion of Communist philosophy.

He and Adm. Chester Ward, USN, ret., are the only two scheduled speakers who also appeared at the earlier school.

Other speakers for the day include Comdr. Paul Terry, USN, ret.; former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, and Dr. Robert Morris, president of the University of Dallas (Tex.).

Speakers during the remainder of the five-day program include Police Chief

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New Anti-Red School Will Open Monday

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Parker, movie executive Y. Frank Freeman and Lloyd Wright, local attorney and former president of the American Bar Association.

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Daily sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. through Thursday in the 6,500-seat Shrine.

The session from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. will be televised nightly by KTLA Channel 5.

Young American's Day will be held on the final day Friday in the 15,700-seat Sports Arena from 9 a.m. through 7 p.m. John Wayne and other movie stars and sports figures will appear on the program.

The school will be climaxed with a Program For Winning banquet Friday at 7 p.m. in the Shrine.

Cost for the complete program (exclusive of the banquet) is \$10, with single day tickets sold as available at \$2.50.

There will be no charge on Young Americans' Day, Cavnar said.

Many of the men instrumental in establishing the first anti-Communist school here are helping in the present school, said Cavnar.

Volunteer Group

Project Alert is a volunteer organization operating without dues paying members.

Some of its board members and founders include Attorney Wright, Steve Foote, past president of the American Legion; James Gibson, senior vice president of Leach Corp.; Henry Salvatori, board chairman of Western Geophysical Co. who recently donated \$325,000 to USC for a research institute on communist strategy and propaganda; Dr. William L. Brashears, a dentist, and Comdr. Terry.

The group operates with only two hired workers, both secretaries. Everybody else taking part in the organization donates his time, Cavnar said.

Wilshire Suite

Cavnar, Dr. Brashears and movie-TV producer Robert Raisbeck are among those who have taken leaves-of-absence from their jobs to spend fulltime in a suite of offices in a new building at 2404 Wilshire Blvd.

The offices were donated to Project Alert rent-free by the Riverside Cement Co., Cavnar said.

He explained Project Alert worked with individuals from Santa Barbara to San Diego in helping to book such speakers here as Sen. J. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.) and Adm. Warg.

Local Groups

It is through these individuals—who belong to various local groups in their own community—that Cavnar says Project Alert has received its support.

He estimated between 15,000 to 20,000 Southland residents were actively interested in Project Alert.

"This was set up primarily to get this school held," said Cavnar, a developer. "After this is over, I have to get back to work and earn a living."

Cavnar Echoed

Both Dr. Brashears, who is board chairman, and Raisbeck echoed Cavnar.

"We don't know what will happen to the organization after the school," said Dr. Brashears. "We'll have to see how it works out first."

He said, however, most of the board members on the project will be on the board of a new corporation being formed under the name "Southern California Freedom Forum."

How active the corporation will be and what it will do depends on the success of the school, he said.

Three Sponsors

The forum is listed as one of the three sponsors of the school.

The other two are the Citizens Freedom Center, a recently formed local anti-Communist citizen's group, and the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals.

The motion picture alliance was established in 1944 by a group of Hollywood actors, producers and executives as an anti-Communist group. Actor John Wayne is a past president of it.

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A Judgment on Skousen

W. Cleon Skousen, former FBI agent, Salt Lake City police chief and, more recently, author, has become one of the darlings of the far right.

Mr. Skousen has attracted a great deal of attention nationally, both with his book, *The Naked Communist*, and in public appearances. In one of his more recent appearances, Mr. Skousen was on the same platform with C. D. Jackson, publisher of *Life Magazine* at a giant anti-Communist rally in Hollywood.

This week another Henry Luce publication, the newsmagazine *Time*, offers this description of Mr. Skousen:

"W. Cleon Skousen, a balding, bespectacled onetime FBI man who hit the anti-Communist circuit in earnest in 1960, after being fired from his job as Salt Lake City's police chief ("He operated the police department like a Gestapo," says Salt Lake City's conservative Mayor J. Bracken Lee)."

So far as we know, that's about the first time anyone has described J. Bracken Lee as anything as far left as "conservative." *Who's Who* reports that he was a director of the National Committee to repeal the 16th Amendment (income tax). J. Bracken Lee, certainly, is not vulnerable to the charge of being "out to get" the Radicals of the Right.

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FORMER SPECIAL AGENT - F. B. I.

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Dear Mr Hoover,

I have read and passed around to my friends an article published in the Feb 1961 issue of "Law and Order " entitled "Mental Health". I believed this to be true (the article) and I am interested in fighting this sort of thing.

The other day a doctor friend of mine stated that this was not true. Now I am confused. Therefore I want to know, Is Leon Skousen a legitimate American? Did California pass all the laws recommended by the World Federation for Mental Health? Do you have any comments to add that may help me in my fight against Communism?

I want to thank you for all that you are doing for our country. It is good to know that there are still some true statesmen in our government. I read a speech that you made on Dec 7, 1961 titled " Faith To Be Free". This speech received no publicity and this was most surprising to us. We therefore made copies of it and have circulated them to our friends and neighbors. If more people would think and act as you indicate, we would have a better nation and there would be no threat from Communism.

Very Truly Yours
George S. Thurman
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Law Enforcement Looks at "Mental Health"

By

W. Cleon Skousen
Editorial Director
LAW AND ORDER(*)

A few years ago police administrators were somewhat startled by the statement of Dr. G. B. Chisholm (who was soon to become president of the World Federation for Mental Health) when he said: "... psychiatry must now decide what is to be the future of the human race. No one else can. Any this is the prime responsibility of psychiatry." (The Reestablishment of Peacetime Society, "Psychiatry, February, 1946, p. 11)

Not only did Dr. Chisholm become the president of the World Federation for Mental Health, but he also became the Director-General of its parent institution, the World Health Organization. From the high plateaus of these two powerful vantage points, Dr. Chisholm and his associates began a whirlwind campaign to solve the world's problems by promoting the techniques of a system known as "mental health."

To be sure, the mental health enthusiasts promised sensational improvements in the structure of society if their programs were adopted. These promised improvements range all the way from Dr. Chisholm's declaration that it would eliminate war down to the general promise that it would tend to solve the problems of crime, delinquency and insanity. Certainly, no thoughtful citizen is opposed to any of these fine objectives. In fact, this is probably the reason mental health has received the all-out support of presidents, governors, business leaders and civic groups.

What then can be said for the present strenuous drive for "mental health" clinics, "mental health" classes, "mental health" literature, and "mental health" laws?

What is the Mental Health Program?

This program is built on the theory that war, crime, depravity and insanity are all the direct result of psychiatric disorders. Psychiatric disorders are defined as:

Mental diseases
Mental defects
Behavioral disorders
Emotional disorders

(*) This article is appearing in the February 1961 issue of Law and Order which is the most widely distributed professional police magazine in the U. S. The author also serves as the Field Director of the American Security Council in Chicago.

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It is further presumed that if these psychiatric disorders can be eliminated then war, crime and insanity should tend to disappear.

How do the psychiatrists propose to eliminate these psychiatric disorders? They have submitted two basic statutes as the legal foundation for their program:

1-A law which provides for the involuntary hospitalization of persons suspected of such disorders. This is called "The Draft Act Governing the Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill."

2. The establishment of a network of psychiatric clinics which are to be the centers for the treatment, prevention, care and education of the public with relation to mental health problems. This is described in "The Organization and Function of the Community Psychiatric Clinic."

Because of the pressure behind the mental health program, the involuntary hospitalization law has already been adopted by most of the states. Now there is an intensive drive to appropriate large sums of money to set up a network of psychiatric clinics throughout the country. These are supposed to be voluntary "out-patient" clinics, but the previous law makes it possible for a person to be "involuntarily" committed to a state hospital if two psychiatrists certify that he has a "disorder" and will not submit to voluntary treatment.

Constitutional Questions

Lawyers and judges have pointed out the serious threat to civil rights in the present mental health laws. Judge Joseph L. Call of Los Angeles said: "This proposed legislation cannot stand analysis with constitutional government, constitutional principles and the fundamentals upon which this government was founded."

In the first place, these laws have broken down the traditional American legal distinction between insanity on the one hand and behavioral and emotional problems on the other. In the past the law has not permitted a person to be committed simply because someone thought he had peculiar ideas or did strange things unless it involved a crime, trespass, or a threat to the safety of himself or others. Furthermore, in the past, if a person were to be charged with mental disability which did require a commitment, he was first entitled to a public hearing in which he could call his own witnesses, cross examine his accusers and enjoy all of the other safeguards provided by the "due process" clause of the Constitution. The mental health law providing for involuntary hospitalization wipes out many of these traditional safeguards:

1. It provides for involuntary hospitalization merely upon the certification of two psychiatrists or examiners that the person is believed by them to be mentally ill and unamenable to voluntary treatment (Draft Act, Section 6 (a)).
2. It does away with the public hearing (Draft Act, Section 9 (f)).
3. It postpones the private hearing until after the patient will have undergone from 2 to 5 days of treatment (Draft Act, Section 17 (a)).
4. When the private hearing is held "all persons not necessary for the conduct of the proceedings shall be excluded." (Draft Act, Section 9 (f)).

5." The proposed patient shall not be required to be present..." (Draft Act, Section 9 (f)).

6. "The hearings shall be conducted in...an informal manner... The court... shall not be bound by the rules of evidence." (Draft Act, Section 9 (f)).

The rights of the individual are further impaired under this procedure as the result of a recent judicial decision which states that if the two psychiatrists who certify a patient to a mental hospital happen to do it in error or in bad faith, they cannot be held liable in a civil suit for damages:

"The rule in this jurisdiction is that a defamatory statement made by witnesses in the due course of a judicial proceeding... is absolutely privileged, and cannot be made the basis of an action for libel or slander, even though the testimony is given with express malice and knowledge of its falsity." (Baily v. McGill, 100 S. E. (2) 860, N. C. 1957).

All of this is particularly amazing to police officials who custodial powers are being continually restricted by the highest courts. Even preliminary interviews by the police and the confessions thereby obtained are made illegal if they cause a delay in the presentation before a magistrate. What would happen if law enforcement officials asked for the privilege of holding a prisoner for several days without a hearing providing two officers certified that in their opinion the prisoner had criminal proclivities?

What Services Would the Mental Health Clinics Provide?

Having considered the serious legal problems inherent in the "involuntary hospitalization" mental health law, let us now turn to the mental health program itself. What service would the mental health clinics provide?

The law suggests 5 areas of activity:

1. Mental health education.
2. Early diagnosis and prevention of mental diseases.
3. Early diagnosis and prevention of behavioral disorders.
4. Early diagnosis and prevention of emotional disorders.
5. Coordination of all counseling services in schools, county hospitals, welfare and social agencies by the State Director of mental health.

This, of course, is purely a statement of aims. It still does not disclose the actual program by which the proponents of mental health intend to achieve these aims. To learn this we turn to the mental health psychiatrists with several questions:

What program do you have in mind for the prevention of mental diseases, behavioral disorders and emotional disorders?

What program do you have for the prevention of adult crime?

What program do you have for the prevention of Juvenile delinquency?

What, specifically, would you do for a delinquent boy or girl who is mentally disturbed?

Obviously the mental health law contemplates that all of these problems will be worked out by processing mentally disturbed persons through the mental health clinics. Unfortunately, the psychiatric profession has already experimented with these voluntary out-patient clinics and found them unable to reach any substantial number of those who need help. In the Yearbook of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neuro-Surgery, 1959-1960 Series, pp. 380-381, we read:

"Fate of psychiatric clinic outpatients assigned to psychotherapy was studied by David Rosenthal and Jerome D. Frank... About 1 in 3 patients referred for psychotherapy failed to accept it when it became available, though he had previously agreed to try it... 3 out of every 4 patients who began psychotherapy terminated without discussing this step with their therapists. About half of all patients had 5 hours or less of therapy, and 6 of 10 were discharged unimproved."

This discouraging report automatically raises another question: What would happen if all of these people were more or less required to take treatments such as would be the case in a detention facility for juveniles or an adult prison?

Once again the psychiatric profession has conducted its own study and come up with a commendably frank and honest statement which is set forth in the Yearbook of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neuro-Surgery, 1958-1959 Series, p. 369:

"As of 1957, there is no factual knowledge available to support the statement that there is any treatment procedure in psychiatry which promises a better outlook for a particular illness than does nature left to her own devices. To say otherwise is to express a hope unfounded by facts. The exceptions are those organic diseases of the brain for which a more or less specific therapy exists."

This confirms the statement of Dr. Karl A. Menninger, a psychiatrist who told the 63rd convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police: "We psychiatrists do not know how to treat such individuals (the criminal offender) in a curative way." (The Police Yearbook, 1958, p. 140)

Studies in England, Canada and the United States reveal that psychiatry is still in its theoretical and experimental stage. It has not yet made a breakthrough. In the British report, Dr. H.J. Eysenck summarized his studies: "They fail to prove that psychotherapy, Freudian or otherwise, facilitates the recovery of neurotic patients. They show that roughly two thirds of a group of neurotic patients will recover or improve to a marked extent within about two years."

In Canada, Dr. Dalbir Bindra, President of the Canadian Psychological Association summed up his report: "All that can be said now is simply that so far there exists no proof of the value of the psychodynamic approach. . . Thus I believe that this approach has turned out to be a wrong "lead" and that any further research along this line would be a waste of time." (Ibid. p. 251).

California's Experience With Mental Health

These frank and forthright statements help explain the failure of the mental health program in California to produce the spectacular results which were promised. California is now spending \$116, 808, 792 per year (1959-1960) on its Mental Hygiene Program and has passed all of the laws recommended by the World Federation for Mental Health. Not only has its program proven to be a back-breaking financial burden, but it has failed to improve the mental health of the citizenry. Available statistics indicate it has proven neither "preventative" nor "curative." Here are statements from the Legislative Auditor in Sacramento. First he discussed the cost:

"The Department of Mental Hygiene, which is increasing in size by leaps and bounds, already receives the largest expenditure from the general fund over all other state agencies." (Analysis of the Budget, 1954-55, p. 311)

Recently he discussed the results:

"Readmissions of former hospital patients continue to increase each year. This is a problem the department has not been able to solve and it indicates that the department is releasing more patients each year who are not as completely recovered as in former years. . . The increase in readmissions from 27.3 percent of first admissions in 1952-53 to 46.5 percent in 1959-60 indicates the rapidly increasing importance of this factor." (Analysis of the Budget, 1958-59, p. 502).

In California the mental health administrators have continued to ask for vast sums of money but have refused to conduct an evaluation study to justify such expenditures. This same report therefore states:

"We would question whether the agency really believes in the effectiveness of its program in view of the lack of aggressiveness which has been evident in developing an evaluation program." (Ibid., P. 503)

Psychiatry as a Science

Because psychiatry is still in its theoretical and experimental stage it has not yet established any pattern of uniformity in either theory or practice. This can only come as psychiatry develops into a true science. Meanwhile, there are many dedicated, well educated psychiatrists with extensive medical experience who are striving to make a breakthrough. These deserve every encouragement. Unfortunately, there is also a large number of practicing psychiatrists of the analytical school who tend to discredit the profession by insisting that they already have the answers. This attitude is reflected in Dr Chisholm's amazingly confident statement: "psychiatry must now decide

what is to be the immediate future of the human race. No one else can. And this is the prime responsibility of psychiatry."

Time has exposed Dr. Chisholm's statement as presumptive. Psychiatry deserves every encouragement but a profession which is still suffering the birth pains of its own genesis is scarcely in a position to take over the "future of the human race." In fact, it is felt that Dr. Chisholm and the majority of those who are Freudian oriented would be embarrassed and probably discredited if the majority of the people really understood what this school of psychiatry believes and practices. Here are just a few of Dr. Chisholm's ideas which are typical of the analytical school:

"What basic psychological distortion can be found in every civilization (which produces a sense of 'inferiority, guilt and fear')... The only psychological force capable of producing these perversions is morality, the concept of right and wrong... For many generations we have bowed our necks to the yoke of the conviction of sin. We have swallowed all manner of poisonous certainties fed us by our parents, our Sunday and day school teachers, our politicians, our priests, our newspapers and others with a vested interest in controlling us... Freedom from moralities means freedom to observe, to think and behave sensibly, to the advantage of the person and of the group, free from outmoded types of loyalties and from the magic fears of our ancestors. If the race is to be freed from its crippling burden of good and evil it must be psychiatrists who take the original responsibility." (The Reestablishment of Peacetime Society" by G. B. Chisholm, published in Psychiatry, February, 1946).

In this same speech Dr. Chisholm made another comment which carries an ominous tone in view of the "involuntary hospitalization" procedures which he later projected into his mental health program:

"There is some thing to be said for taking charge of our own destiny, for gently putting aside the mistaken old ways of our elders if that is possible. If it cannot be done gently, it may have to be done roughly or even violently..." (Ibid. p. 18)

In 1959 and 1960 his associates were still pushing the same theme as the basis for better mental health. Dr. Heinz Hartman declared: "Acting according to self interest is, then, considered more 'healthy', more 'rational'-- in a general way more 'legitimate' --than acting according to moral principles.

It is presented as the result of having conquered successfully the archaic taboos of earlier days." (Freud Anniversary Lecture Series for 1960, "p. 76)

At the 67th annual convention of the American Psychological Association Dr. Ellis likewise declared: "I contend that giving someone a sense of sin... is the worst possible way to help him. I tell my patients... never, under any circumstances, to blame or punish anyone, especially themselves, for anything; then it will virtually be impossible for them to every become seriously upset." (Newsweek, Sept. 14, 1959, p. 108)

Persons supporting the program for mental health clinics should be aware

that many psychiatrists--particularly of the analytical school---use "freedom from morality" as their basic therapy for removing the sense of "inferiority, guilt and fear" in a patient.

Professionally, law enforcement has not been able to accept this approach to crime and delinquency because it seems to violate both reason and experience. "Freedom from morality" turns out to produce criminal cancer cells in the body tissue of society. It develops individuals, no matter how sophisticated or well educated, who are a law unto themselves and who become detached from the cultural complex of an orderly society.

In 1959, this precise point was made by Dr. O. Hobart Mower, former president of the American Psychological Association:

"For half a century now we psychologists have very largely followed the Freudian doctrine that... the patient has been, in effect, too good; that he has within him impulses, especially those of lust and hostility, which he has been unnecessarily inhibiting and health, we tell him, lies in expressing these impulses... By abolishing sin, the psychologists have also abolished moral restraint, as a result personality disorders are more pervasive and baffling today." (Newsweek, September 14, 1959, p. 108)

If mental health clinics are to be staffed by a certain percentage of psychiatric therapists who are going to use this type of rationalization on their patients then law enforcement has to agree with Dr. Mower. The problems of personality disorder will not be diminished but seriously accelerated.

Is There A Better Way?

The amazing avalanche of support for mental health is not so much a tribute to the mental health idea as it is the fact that in this generation there is a growing realization that we just simply are not solving our problems of crime, delinquency and social malfunctioning. If the latest observations in California are any criteria then mental health is not the answer either. One cannot help but ask, "Isn't there some better way?"

First of all, it is going to be necessary to distinguish more clearly between organically defective people who are incapable of living in society and those who are normal people who have turned against society. Even mechanistic psychiatry is finding that they are not the same.

Insofar as genuine psychiatric disorders are concerned, it would seem obvious that psychiatry will first have to make a breakthrough with the chronic and acute cases in the mental hospitals before they can hope to chart a proper course for clinical prevention in the field. And persons believed to be in need of commitment should certainly be protected from possible abuse by returning to standard judicial procedure rather than

use the involuntary hospitalization law which is presently on the books of many states as a result of the mental health drive.

In the area of behavioral problems--particularly among juveniles--law enforcement officials believe there are a multitude of things which should be done in preference to the creation of some new and expensive "treatment" agency. This was vividly demonstrated in the recent world-wide survey of juvenile crime by the United Nations. Dr. Manuel Lopez-Rey, UN Director of Social Defense, reported the highest juvenile crime rates are in the wealthy nations which have tried to substitute social agencies for neglected homes. In the poorer nations where they cannot afford such luxuries, the governments are under the necessity of holding parents almost exclusively responsible for raising good citizens. The study showed that poor countries with strong families have far better success in holding down juvenile crime than strong, rich nations with weak home fronts. It is not a problem of "psychiatric disorders" but a problem of social weakness on the home front.

Thirty-five years ago America tried to patch up the erosion in the homes of its citizens by adopting various substitute programs. First we were going to solve juvenile crime through an intensive drive for parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers. These facilities were a most pleasant improvement, but juvenile crime kept climbing. Then we set up an elaborate system of juvenile courts. That was really supposed to do the job, but crime rates continued upward. Then we set up community coordinating councils. No doubt these made a wholesome contribution too, but they did not stop the trend. Now we are asked to set up psychiatric clinics as the sure-fire way to get rid of these behavioral and emotional disorders. Authorities in the field tell us we are still trying to lift a ten ton problem with a two pound tool.

For years law enforcement, along with sociologists, jurists and criminologists have been pleading with America to handle these behavioral and emotional problems at their point of origin--on our badly weakened home front. Parents can raise good citizens if society insists upon it.

This is what the United Nations survey proved.

It also proved that juvenile behavioral problems are not generally "psychiatric disorders" but the reflection of poor training, lack of security and love, lack of discipline, lack of inspired leadership, lack of preparation to meet the needs of life, all of which can usually be traced to a weak home. No amount of expensive psychiatric clinics is ever going to solve these basic needs. They could not even be depended upon to detect such problems since their primary function is to provide referral centers. Someone else would still have to do the initial detecting.

Conclusion

Accepting then the fact that the psychiatric profession is sincerely desirous of making a scientific contribution to human welfare, it is still necessary to point out that the present program of mental health is dangerous and diversionary. This is not said in a spirit of unkindness but as a simple statement of fact. It is considered dangerous because it poses a serious threat to American civil rights, particularly if the program falls into the wrong hands. At the same time, many of its advocates also use a therapy which eats into the vitals of the moral structure on which our civilization is built. These advocates, sincere though they may be, would weaken our homes even further, would weaken if not destroy our moral code, and would weaken the legal structure which depends upon it.

Mental health is diversionary because it pretends to solve many of our pressing problems with a program which is already being discredited in areas where it is being tried. It is also diversionary to the psychiatric profession since it would institutionalize a system of theoretical psychiatry which is already turning out to be as disappointing as the long since discredited device of personality analysis called phrenology.

The "future of the race" is not just the job of the psychiatrists as Dr. Chisholm has suggested, but the sincere, dedicated, professional psychiatrist definitely has a place on the team. Our American team has a big job to do, particularly in building citizens who do not need frequent servicing by some psychiatrist, a mental hospital or a prison. We need to start putting stronger moral fiber back into our culture. We need a deeper spirituality. We need to get our citizens to stand on their own two feet, with a sense of responsibility and personal independence. Our society needs a new posture of self discipline and character. This would be real mental health.

So there is a job for parents to do which is not being done adequately, a job for the schools, the churches, the police and the courts which can be done far better. And there is a job for the psychiatrist to do--especially in the field of genuine mental disorders where a breakthrough yet remains to be made. In pursuing that task the psychiatrist will find the police backing all the way.

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'Old Communist Tactic'

Skousen Hints Reds Involved in Blasts

A member of Project Alert's School of Anti-Communism charged today that the recent bombings of two ministers' homes is "un-American" and "outside the bounds of the philosophy and ideals of the American people."

W. Cleon Skousen, faculty director of Project Alert, whose organization has raised \$5000 for apprehension of the bombers, added that it's "an old tactic of the Communist party to perform such an act and then blame it on people they are trying to discredit."

Dr. William Brashears, member of the project's board of directors said at a press conference today his group is "appalled" at the bombings.

"We want to aid as citizens," he said, "to bring about the apprehension of whoever did this."

Dr. Brashears waved a \$5000 check and explained that the money was raised by Project Alert's 12 board members.

He said the money would be deposited in a bank today.

Skousen, in referring to the bombings, said he and his organization deplore all activities "of this kind," and added that this even includes the recent bombing of the Los Angeles Communist headquarters.

"All of us," he said, "should be quick to detect, apprehend and prosecute

people who do things like this." And he added:

"We are as concerned as anyone about extremism."

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Skousen said, although he is not connected in any way with Dr. Fred Schwartz and his Anti-Communist school, he is a great admirer of Schwartz.

"He is an extremely dedicated person," he said, "and a fine friend of the American people. He is doing a great service to this country."

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Los Angeles Herald-Examiner

Date 2-5-62

Los Angeles Division

Editor: HERBERT H. KRAUCH

RE: W. Cleon Skousen

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Memo Sullivan to Belmont

Re: FRED W. TURNER

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

While the Bureau cannot, of course, comment to the Florida Department of Education on the value of Skousen's book, it is felt that Turner can be told: (1) that Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent; (2) that Skousen voluntarily resigned from the latter position on October 5, 1951; (3) that Skousen's statements or writings are strictly his own and do not represent the FBI in any manner; and (4) that the Director, in keeping with Bureau policy is unable to endorse any book or publication not prepared by the Bureau. It is noted that during the past year or so, Skousen has affiliated himself with the extreme right-wing "professional anticommunists" such as Fred C. Schwarz, who are promoting their own anticommunism for obvious financial purposes.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Turner.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - R. W. Smith
1 - J. M. Sizoo

January 17, 1962

Mr. Fred W. Turner
Assistant Division Director
General Education
State of Florida
Department of Education
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Turner:

Your inquiry to Assistant Director William C. Sullivan regarding Mr. W. Cleon Skousen and his book, "The Naked Communist," has been brought to my attention.

For your information, Mr. Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned from the latter position on October 5, 1951. Any statements or writings by Mr. Skousen are strictly his own, of course, and do not represent the FBI in any manner.

In regard to his book, I am unable as a matter of policy to endorse any book or publication not prepared by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: No identifiable derogatory information in Bufiles re Turner. See Sullivan to Belmont memo dated 1/16/62 captioned, "Fred W. Turner, State of Florida Department of Education, Request for Information on Bureau Service of Former SA W. Cleon Skousen, Central Research Matter."
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Mr. A. H. Belmont

January 16, 1962

W. C. Sullivan

**FRED W. TURNER
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON BUREAU SERVICE
OF FORMER SA W. CLEON SKOUSEN
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER**

Turner is currently preparing material for teaching the required courses in communism in Florida public schools beginning in the Fall of 1962. He has inquired of me as to the Bureau career of former SA W. Cleon Skousen and his book on communism entitled "The Naked Communist." Turner indicated attempts were being made to introduce Skousen's book into the Florida schools, but Turner would prefer a textbook by the Director if and when available. Bureau relations with Turner are cordial and Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding Turner.

Reference is made to my memo to Mr. Belmont re Turner dated 1/6/62 which reviewed his tentative draft entitled "Americanism Versus Communism" to be used in teaching the public schools courses on communism. This memo suggested that the Bureau's best interests would be served by assisting Turner without becoming identified in any way with his efforts to prepare material for the communist courses. At his request the draft was returned to him, this being handled by the Jacksonville Office. He was to be told on a confidential basis that his material was comprehensive and objective.

Enclosure

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December 29, 1961

Mr. George ~~O.~~ Thurman
 7441 Calle Arturo
 Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Thurman:

Your letter of December 22, 1961, with enclosure **RECD-REINING ROOM** has been received. I am most appreciative of your generous comments concerning my administration of this Bureau, and I also want to express my thanks for the interest you indicated in my Criss Award acceptance remarks. It was good of you to make copies of my address available to your acquaintances.

In response to your request, W. Cleon Skousen was a clerical employee of the FBI from October 24, 1935, until June 17, 1940, when he was assigned as a Special Agent of this Bureau. His services with our organization were terminated on October 5, 1951, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation. I regret that I am unable to answer your specific inquiry since this Bureau is not fully acquainted with all of his activities since leaving the FBI. In this connection, I would like to point out that we are an investigative agency of the Federal Government and do not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Inasmuch as the other matter you mentioned does not pertain to the official investigative responsibilities of this Bureau, it would be improper for me to comment concerning it.

It is always encouraging to hear from those who desire to take active measures in opposing the menace of communism, and I am pleased to enclose some material regarding this subject which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. George O. Thurman

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The Communist Party, USA (9-61)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. He enclosed an article by Skousen which was critical of mental health programs. It is noted that Skousen's services were satisfactory while he was employed by the Bureau. Recently, he has been engaged in various anticommunist programs throughout the country.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 12, 1962

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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The Congressional Record for Thursday, January 11, 1962, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

Leon Skousen
HOUSE

Pages 49-54. There is set forth on these pages the text of the President's state of the Union message. President Kennedy, in commenting on past accomplishments, stated "and secured new weapons to combat organized crime, racketeering, and youth delinquency, assisted by the coordinated and hard-hitting efforts of our investigative services: The FBI, Internal Revenue, the Bureau of Narcotics, and many others."

Adjournment: Until Monday, January 15, 1962, at 12 noon.

SENATE

The proceedings of the Senate have been reviewed and there is nothing contained therein believed to be of particular interest to the Bureau.

Adjournment: Until Monday, January 15, 1962, at 12 noon.

APPENDIX

Pages A55-A57 and A77-A79. Congressmen Hoffman, (R) Illinois, and Dorn, (D) South Carolina, submitted an article which appeared in the January issue of Reader's Digest written by Frank L. Kluckhohn and entitled "Is the State Department Failing Us in the Cold War?" In commenting on the article Mr. Hoffman stated "It might serve us well to look into certain

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Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

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branches of our own executive departments." Mr. Dorn pointed out that "The overwhelming majority of the American people are asking these same questions about the State Department's role in our foreign policy. These questions can best be resolved by a thorough investigation by the people's representatives, our Congress, of our whole foreign policy—past, present, and future." The article makes reference to the Communist takeover of Cuba. The article states "Robert C. Hill; then our Ambassador to Mexico, knew that Moscow agents were already shuttling back and forth between the Soviet embassies of Mexico City and Havana. He tried to warn Washington - - - But his reports—as well as those of the CIA, FBI and the Pentagon—failed to break through the bureaucracy and reach the decisionmakers. Department analysts downgraded the Red threat and took a go-easy view." The article goes on to cite Hill's efforts pointing out that he briefed Dr. Milton Eisenhower who was on a goodwill visit to Mexico in August 1959, and present at the briefing "were Dr. Eisenhower, Hill, and Raymond Leddy—our Embassy's secretary for political affairs in Mexico City, graduate of the FBI and a seasoned Cuban and intelligence expert. Also present was the State Department officer in charge of Caribbean-Mexican affairs. From the start, this latter official opposed the briefing." The article sets out other instances regarding information furnished to the State Department regarding the Communist menace in Cuba. It states "When the subject arose in conversation one day between J. Edgar Hoover and the then Secretary of State, Christian Herter, the latter said he had never seen any such material. The next day Hoover received a phone call from Herter. 'I have now read some of those reports,' said Herter. 'I did not realize that the situation was so serious.'" (Mr. Raymond Leddy was employed with the Bureau from April 18, 1938, to November 28, 1943, as an Agent. His services were satisfactory).

Pages A71-A73. Congressman McDonough, (R) California, submitted a review of the book "The World of Communism" by Dr. Rodger Swearingen. The review appeared in the Los Angeles Times on December 10, 1961. Mr. McDonough stated "This new book should be required reading for all students of history in the United States and for all citizens of the United States interested in a more thorough knowledge of what communism is and how to recognize its insidious influence and combat and defeat its avowed plans and purposes which are bent upon overthrowing the Government of the United States by force and violence if necessary." The review makes reference to Mr. Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit" and "The Naked Communist" written by Cleon Skousen.

Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

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The article points out Skousen served for 16 years with the FBI. (Mr. Skousen was employed with the Bureau from October 24, 1935, to October 5, 1951, as an Agent).

Pages A74-A75. Congressman Smith, (R) California, pointed out that the January 1, 1962, issue of U. S. News & World Report contained an interview with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover concerning the rising crime wave and who is to blame for it. Mr. Smith submitted this item for inclusion in the Record pointing out "I feel sure my colleagues will want to be apprised of this if they have not already had an opportunity to read it."

Pages A81-A82. Congressman Curtis, (R) ^{U.S.}Missouri, submitted ~~an~~ article from the Los Angeles Times written by Robert T. ~~Hartmann~~ ^{U.S.}entitled "ADA Liberalism Is Plan of Action—More Meaningful Alinement of Party's Major Current Goal." Mr. Curtis pointed out that Mr. Hartmann "quotes Presidential Aid Arthur Schlesinger, ADA vice chairman and leading advocate of the group's positions, to help clarify the role and the viewpoint of the Americans for Democratic Action." The article states "While this reporter's inquiries have failed to turn up any known Communists associated with ADA, the record of ADA on anti-anticommunism is not quite so creditable. This tends to blur the verdict of less careful observers. Chiefly responsible for this are two perennial ADA stalwarts, Vice Chairman Joseph L. ^{member}Rauh, Jr., a Washington lawyer, and Editor James Wechsler, ^{member}of the New York Post who, as Washington correspondent for his paper, helped set up ADA in 1947. Both are militant anti-anti-Communists." The article goes on to state "So far in 1961 Rauh has urged President Kennedy to eliminate FBI security checks of Federal appointees - - -."

Pages A94-A95. Senator Randolph, (D) West Virginia, extended his remarks concerning the presentation of the Mutual of Omaha Criss Award to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Randolph stated "The award for 1961 was given to Mr. Hoover for his selfless devotion and contributions to the safety and security of the American people over a period of more than four decades. - - - Indeed, the reputation of the FBI has become such an accepted fact in American life that few of us give conscious reflection to the marvel of achievement which is almost solely attributable to the character and dedication of one man." Mr. Randolph included Mr. Hoover's remarks upon receiving this award.

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am writing to commend you for your recent state-
ment while on the West Coast pertaining to the danger
of the extremist groups in this country. They certainly
are sowing seeds of suspicion.

Last week Dr. Fred Schwarz held his "Christian
Anti-Communism School" in St. Petersburg for the area
including Tampa and Clearwater. It had tremendous tele-
vision coverage with all of the time donated by the
station. Fortunately the attendance was small -- yet
many persons whom I consider fairly well informed were
"taken in" by the speeches which they heard on television.

Enclosed is a copy of a story written by a reporter
for the CLEARWATER SUN who is respected for her objectivity.
I attended the session covered in this story and was
incensed by the statements made by Mr. Skousen.

If the information is available to the public, would
you please tell me why Mr. Skousen left the FBI?

Sincerely yours,

Margaret S. Boudreau
Mrs. James C. Boudreau

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Mrs. James C. Boudreau
421 Woodlawn Avenue
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Mrs. Boudreau:

Margaret S.

Your letter to the President, with enclosure, was referred to this Bureau on January 30, 1962, in connection with your question concerning Mr. W. Cleon Skousen.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. I hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. The newspaper clipping she enclosed concerns Skousen's appearance at an anticommunist school in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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422-A NORTH COAST BOULEVARD
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February 27, 1962

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. W. Cleon Skousen stresses the point that he served as an "Administrator supervisor under J. Edgar Hoover in Washington, D.C."

I would appreciate knowing how long Mr. Skousen worked in your department and in what capacity.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Norman Nixon]

Norman Nixon, M.D.

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Dr. Norman Nixon
422-A North Coast Boulevard
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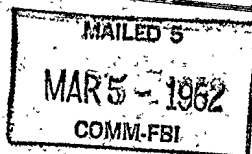
Dear Dr. Nixon:

Your letter of February 27, 1962, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI in the capacity of clerk on October 24, 1935, in which position he remained until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951.

Enclosed is some material on the general subject of communism I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosures (5)
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Time of Testing
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Our only prior correspondence with correspondent was in February, 1958, when he requested information comparing crime and population rates.

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Rt. 1, Box 235
East Prairie, Mo.
March 12, 1962

Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

A man by the name of William Edward Onie of an organization known as "The Torchbearers of America" is in our area giving lectures and holding meetings dealing with the Communist theme but apparently much concerned with the racial issue. *MO*

The names listed as being members of the advisory committee of this group include Mrs. Holly Holmes, Hawthorne, Calif., Walter Knott of Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif. and Mr. Cleon Skausen, author of "The Naked Communist" advertised as an FBI Agent from Salt Lake City, Utah. *MO*

There seems to be a great deal of interest in these meetings, which are also being presented to the High School students in Assembly and many of us are interested to know just what sort of an organization this is. If you have any information on the subject we would be very grateful if you would clear the matter up for us. *W*

Yours truly,

Katherine M. Millham
Katherine M. Millham
(Mrs. W.J. Millham)

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Katherine M. Millham

Mrs. W. J. Millham
Route One, Box 235
East Prairie, Missouri

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Dear Mrs. Millham:

Your letter of March 12th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the group about which you asked.

For your information, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen is not currently employed by this Bureau. He entered on duty with the FBI in the capacity of clerk on October 24, 1935, in which position he remained until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. Since Mr. Skousen is no longer connected with this Bureau and the opinions expressed in his speeches and articles are his own, I am unable to comment regarding him.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. W. J. Millham

The Courage of Free Men---2-22-62 Speech
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
The Communist Party Line
The Faith To Be Free---12-7-61 Speech

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.
Torchbearers of America has never been investigated by the Bureau and Bufiles contain nothing of a derogatory nature concerning it. The organization is alleged to be anticommunist in nature and seeks to promote peace. The information concerning former Special Agent W. Cleon Skousen is being furnished correspondent since she indicates he has been advertised as an FBI Agent from Salt Lake City, Utah, and she does not show that she is aware that he is a former Agent of this Bureau.

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SAC, Salt Lake City (89-225)

March 22, 1962

Director, FBI

W. CLEON SKOUSEN
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Reurlet 3/6/62 captioned "W. Cleon Skousen; Information Concerning."

If Professor Richard D. Poll's criticism of W. Cleon Skousen's book, "The Naked Communist" has been published, you are requested to obtain in a discreet manner and to furnish to the Bureau, Attention: Central Research Section, a copy of the publication which includes this criticism. Identifying information regarding the publication should also be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

If this criticism was not prepared for publication, you are instructed, if it can be done discreetly, to determine the purpose for which it was prepared and then to advise the Bureau of such information.

NOTE: The material or information requested from Salt Lake City is required to ascertain the facts behind the preparation of Poll's criticism of Skousen's book inasmuch as in the past it has been charged by some outside individuals that Skousen has been capitalizing on his former Bureau career for his personal advantages, and it is felt necessary to maintain current information about such charges.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-NEW)

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CLEARING HOUSE 14TH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE 3/29-30/62
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Remyairtel 3/29/62, captioned as above.

Detective BERT HALL, Special Investigations Squad, MPD, was contacted immediately after the adjournment of captioned organization at approximately 4:10 p. m., 3/30/62.

Detective HALL furnished the complete text of the address made by BERL I. BERNHARD, Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The complete address of Mr. BERNHARD is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure.

Detective HALL stated the only reference that Mr. BERNHARD made concerning the FBI was as follows:

"It is necessary to be sensible of the dangers faced by the police officer. According to the FBI 49 police employees were killed in the line of duty in 1959. In 1960 48 lost their lives. In the same year, some 9,600 assaults on policemen were reported to the FBI." Mr. BERNHARD also commented "The ultimate factor of course is the individual policeman. The policeman who is trained in crime detection has less motivation for brutality

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than one who is not." FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER underscored this point in the law enforcement bulletin of March, 1962, when he stated that "It is a sad commentary on modern day law enforcement for any officer to be guilty of a violation of civil rights. In addition to the basic immoral aspects and the attendant public scorn, such incidents are all the more regrettable because they are so unnecessary."

Detective HALL stated that Mr. BERNHARD did not deviate from his address and practically followed his press release speech word for word.

Detective HALL pointed out that MORRIS ABRAM, Vice President, American Jewish Committee, former General Counsel, U.S. Peace Corps, in his speech referred to one "Mr. SCHOWSER (ph) who has set himself up as an expert in the field of subversiveness." Mr. ABRAM said Mr. SCHOWSER was a former FBI Agent and later a Chief of Police in a western city. Mr. ABRAM said that inquiry was made of the FBI regarding the expertness of Mr. SCHOWSER in the field of subversiveness and the FBI answered that Mr. SCHOWSER was used in criminal assignments and not subversive assignments. For the Bureau's attention it is believed Mr. ABRAM was referring to former FBI Agent CLEON SKOUSEN.

Detective HALL pointed out that RICHARDSON DILWORTH, Mayor of Philadelphia 1956-1962, was the most dynamic speaker of the day and received the most applause for his address. Detective HALL stated that Mr. DILWORTH spoke about the Philadelphia Complaint Review Board and said it was an overwhelming success in Philadelphia. Mr. DILWORTH pointed out the Philadelphia Police Department in their interviews with applicants for the Police Department stressed the ability and the judgment in dealing with the different races. Mr. DILWORTH also stated that Federal law enforcement agencies employ men of higher caliber and receive higher wages and they are not subject to brutality charges.

Detective HALL stated the address by GERALD A. BERLIN of Massachusetts was concerned with "1. Police Departments holding suspects without arraignment. 2. The right to counsel. 3. Searches and seizures." Detective HALL stated that Mr. BERLIN made no comment regarding the FBI in his address.

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Detective HALL commented that Congresswoman EDITH GREEN discussed the "Extremists." She referred to the John Birch Society and the minutemen, pointing out that these groups are so anticommunist that they are radical. Congresswoman GREEN made no comment regarding the FBI Detective HALL stated.

Detective HALL stated that ALAN F. WESTIN, Columbia University, made no reference to the FBI in his address.

WFO contemplates no additional investigation in this matter UACB.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

3/30/62

W. Cleon Skousen was employed as a messenger 10/24/35 and became an Agent 6/17/40. He voluntarily resigned 10/5/51. He was Chief of Police at Salt Lake City from 6/56 until 3/60.

We have no information that anyone has been advised that Skousen was used only on criminal work and not subversive assignments.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: April 11, 1962

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo *JAS*

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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Former Inspector Lee Pennington who is now associated with the American Security Council (ASC) called Monday in connection with another matter and advised that Skousen had been dropped by ASC. He had previously represented them in connection with certain speaking commitments; but Pennington said ASC people thought he had "gone off the deep end," and his services had been discontinued.

RECOMMENDATION:

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This is for information.

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April 12, 1962

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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The Bureau has reviewed the information set forth in relet and wishes to note that the interview was well handled by SA [redacted]

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NOTE:

The interview was conducted by SA [redacted] with Dr. Stewart L. Grow, a professor at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, to determine background of pamphlet by another Brigham Young University professor, Richard D. Poll, which criticized former SA W. Cleon Skousen's book, "The Naked Communist." The interview was searching and thorough and the letter prepared by SA [redacted] covering the interview presented the requested information in excellent detail. Poll's pamphlet entitled "This Trumpet Gives An Uncertain Sound" criticizes Skousen's book for its poor quality of scholarship. [redacted] is an established source of the Salt Lake Office. Poll reportedly is anticommunist and Poll's issue with Skousen is over lack of completely scholarly approach in Skousen's book.

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No identifiable derogatory information in Bureau files re Grow and Poll.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 19, 1962

The attached book, "So You Want to Raise a Boy?" by W. Cleon Skousen, was mailed to the Director by The Ensign Publishing Company, P. O. Box 2316, Salt Lake City 10, Utah.

It has been inscribed as follows:

"April 6, 1962

"To My Friend and Former "Boss"
John Edgar Hoover

"Here is another book I was motivated in writing as a result of my experience and training in the FBI.

"I am only one of the millions of people to whom you will always be a source of great affection and warm admiration

"Sincerely

"W. Cleon Skousen"

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Mr. W. Cleon Skousen
2197 Berkeley Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

I have received the copy of your book

entitled "So You Want To Raise A Boy?" It was thoughtful of you to inscribe this book to me, and I appreciate your kind comments.

Sincerely yours,
H. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Skousen entered on duty on 10-24-35, as a Messenger, was appointed an Agent on 6-17-40, and resigned 10-5-51, services satisfactory. ~~Recently he has been most active in extreme right-wing organizations and any contacts with him have been most~~ circumspect.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Malone

DATE: April 30, 1962

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: LAW DAY, U. S. A., PROGRAM
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
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Washington, D.C.

This afternoon, I received a call from Rear Admiral William C. Mott, Judge Advocate General of the Navy. He said he had been previously in touch with Mr. Sullivan on a Law Day, U. S. A. seminar which is scheduled for St. Paul, 5/1/62, and that as a result of information which came to Mott's attention, Mott had declined an invitation to speak at this seminar because former Special Agent Cleon Skousen was scheduled to be on the program. Mott knows that Skousen has been working with the Schwartz crowd.

Mott seemed quite concerned because he said he had just learned, today, that after he, Mott, had declined, the St. Paul Committee on Arrangements had invited the Attorney General and although the Attorney General had declined, he did designate Ramsey Clark, Assistant Attorney General of the Lands Division, to speak as the representative of the Attorney General.

Mott said that the Minnesota State Bar Association and the American Bar Association have withdrawn from the St. Paul program. Mott stated that ABA President John Satterfield pulled out apparently after learning that some of the people who were going to be on that seminar were questionable. According to Mott, the seminar is now being sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce and some other civic groups. Mott said that he has since learned that Skousen has cancelled out but Mott feels that, knowing the tactics of the Schwartz crowd as he does, it wouldn't be surprising if Skousen or some of that group end up participating in the program.

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Mott stated that some of the other panelists on the program will be George X Murphy of Hollywood, who will be master of ceremonies; John K. Jessup, Chief Editorial Writer for Life Magazine; Robert E. Hansen, Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Admiral Felix Stump of the Freedom Foundation; Nicholas Nyardi of Bradley University; Dr. Gerhart Niemeyer of the University of Notre Dame; and Dr. Noah N. Langdale, Jr., President of Georgia State College of Business Administration and a member of the U. S. Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange.

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CC TO MR. TOLSON

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Memo to Mr. Malone
Re: Law Day, U.S.A., Program

Mott said the program will be a daytime session of panelists and then a night time spectacular which he understands Hollywood will have a good bit to do with.

Mott's concern was why the Attorney General would not make some preliminary check on the program and the speakers before designating a representative. I told Mott that I could not speak for the Attorney General. Mott said that he had been in touch with Ramsey Clark and told Clark why he had cancelled out but this didn't seem to make much difference to Clark because Clark told Mott that since the Attorney General had designated him to handle the matter he was going to handle it.

Mott wondered whether we knew anything about these speakers who are going to be on the panel. I told him I was not in a position to say one way or the other about them. As a matter of fact, after Mott's call, I did run a check of our files and we do have information on Hansen, Niemeyer, Jessup and Langdale, none of which would seem to constitute any reason for not participating in the panel. Of course, George Murphy and his activities in this field are sufficiently known that I did not check the indices on him. Mott said that he has had previous information indicating that Nyardi is all right.

Later this afternoon, Mr. Sullivan advised that he had returned Mott's call which was along the same line except that Mott wanted Sullivan to call Ramsey Clark which Sullivan, of course, declined to do.

ACTION:

Information.

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May 23, 1962

Reverend Harry H. Feistner
Route 1
Oregon, Illinois

Dear Mr. Feistner:

Your letter of May 17, 1962, with enclosure, has been received.

Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. Mr. Skousen is no longer associated with the FBI and his opinions are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any way. I cannot, therefore, make any comment regarding the contents of his book.

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Enclosed is some literature I thought would be of interest to you. Some of it contains suggestions all of us can use in fighting communism. Maybe you will also want to read my book, "Masters of Deceit," which was written with the hope it would furnish Americans with an insight into the true nature of communist activities. This book should be available at your local library or bookstores. The self-addressed, stamped envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Enclosures (6)
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- Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!
- Deadly Duel
- Shall It Be Law or Tyranny
- Do You Really Understand Communism
- The Communist Menace

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See and Hear W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Formerly with the FBI and an acknowledged authority on communist tactics who has made fighting communism his profession.



in an unprecedented 3-hour telecast
on what we can expect from the communists

"HOLLYWOOD'S ANSWER TO COMMUNISM"

Tuesday, May 29—7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

WLBT • Channel 3

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JACKSON DAILY NEWS
Jackson, Miss.

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First National realizes that liberty demands responsibility. For this reason, we are privileged to present this absorbing telecast that must be seen by every freedom loving American who wants to inform himself about the threat of communism. Other speakers appearing with Mr. Skousen are: Rep. Walter H. Judd, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd and Dr. Fred C. Schwarz. Don't miss this vitally important program!

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Despite Moscow, We're Catching On, Forum Conferees Told at Harding

By GENE FOREMAN
Of the Gazette Staff

62-106364-19
Searcy, April 17.—The 136 conferees at the 23d Freedom Forum at Harding College here were told today that the anti-Communist movement was catching on at the grass-roots level despite an order from Moscow to discredit it.

George S. Benson, president of Harding, warned in the opening address that "anybody fighting communism can expect smears. Out of a conference of Communists at Moscow in 1960, he said, came a command to "get the anti-Communist."

He said that since then there had been a campaign to label anti-Communists as "ultras."

But, Benson added, "freedom and liberty—and all this country stands for—are worth fighting for. And by fighting, I don't mean a hot war. The cold war is the way we can win."

Three others who appeared on the program spoke of organizing on the grass-roots level against the Communists.

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Edward Hunter of Washington, an author and former war correspondent, described grass-roots organizing as "this healthy reaction of the American people." He said people were asking, "What can I do about it [the Communist threat]."

W. Cleon Skousen, a former FBI agent, said 99.4 per cent of the American people were opposed to communism, and he listed some of the ways these people could exert grass-roots pressure against the Communists.

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Lt. Col. William E. Mayer, an Army psychiatrist, said, "There is in fact and in deed a grass-roots movement unprecedented in our national history."

It is, he said, one of the healthiest phenomena that has been seen in America.

Benson Keynotes

Benson, who in addition to his Harding College duties is president of the National Education Program, which sponsors the Freedom Forum, made the keynote speech this morning.

He said Communist documents proved that Premier Khrushchev of Russia did not mean it when he spoke of coexistence with the West. "He talks about peace, coexistence and disarmament to create confusion in the West," Benson said. "His purpose is to catch the capitalist countries off guard. He really means, 'We do not have enough striking power now, but when we do, we'll knock your block off.'"

Benson said that anyone interested in anti-communism could

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expect efforts at intimidation. He said this order was given out at the Communist conference at Moscow in 1960 and later appeared in a book by Gus Hall, executive secretary of the Communist Party of the United States.

Self-styled Expert

Hunter, who described himself as an expert on brain-washing as practiced by the Communists, said the American public was being "softened up" today the same way that American prisoners of war were softened up in the prison camps of North Korea.

He added, "The only difference is that the POWs had no alternative—they were forced. This softening up of the American public is being done voluntarily."

He said he had had more than 40 years' experience as a newsman and felt qualified to discuss the role of the press. "It's in a very dangerous drift that will destroy its usefulness to the country if the people of the press don't wake up and see which way they're going," he said.

Speaking of organizing on the grass-roots level against communism, Hunter said there must be "thousands and thousands of small and large anti-Communist groups throughout the country."

Fifty of the these, including 35 of the largest ones, banded together at a meeting held at Washington last month at the instigation of Rev. Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, who is the leader of the Christian Crusade. The Crusade as one of the largest so-called anti-Communist movements in this country.

Elected in Absence

Hunter said that while he was absent from the meeting—looking for an overcoat he had misplaced—the organizing committee elected him chairman of the federation. Its name is the Anti-Communist Liaison, he said, and it will try to keep the "anti-anti-Communist groups from killing off the anti-Communist groups one by one."

Skousen suggested five ways the West could win over the Communists. His suggestions were:

1. An insistence from the grass-roots level that there be a thorough investigation of the State Department.
2. Complete outlawing of the Communist Party in the United States.
3. Rewriting the United Nations charter to make it "an international co-operative agency" instead of "a one world government."

4. A trade embargo on all the Communist nations.

5. Political isolation of Russia by exposing her broken promises and severing diplomatic relations with her and all her satellites.

'Fatal Illness'

Colonel Mayer, who examined many of the American prisoners of war after they were released in Korea in 1953, discussed the failure of many prisoners to withstand Communist brain-washing.

He said he found symptoms of moral weakness that, if allowed to go unchecked, could become "a fatal or certainly incapacitating illness."

The colonel said, "The reason they were defeated was that they didn't understand the meaning of love in a Christian sense—one that is more give than take. They didn't understand the need for organization. They felt that unless they were assigned specific duties, they had none."

Colonel Mayer said he interviewed 1,000 soldiers in the Pacific in 1960 and found that there had been no significant change in these attitudes. He found a "moral relativism" that condoned lying and cheating under certain circumstances.

Bales on Churches

Another speaker today was Dr. James D. Bales, a Harding professor, who spoke on "Communism in the Churches." He said the overwhelming majority of Christian leaders were not sympathetic to communism but that the Communists had infiltrated the churches to some degree.

Dr. Bales said that although they were not working consciously for the Communist Party, many clergymen helped the Communists attain their goals.

He gave as examples the signing of petitions to free Communist spies from prison and the supporting of a campaign for unilateral disarmament.

"Be their motives pure as driven snow," Dr. Bales said, "if they blunder us into slavery it is slavery nonetheless."

Film Shown

The conferees also saw a 30-minute film, "Communism in Action—Part I." They also had been scheduled to see "Part II" of the film, but Howard W. Bennett, vice president of the National Education Program, said more work had to be done on it before it could be released. "There are good, better and best films," he said, "and we at NEP will release only the best."



—Staff Photo by Gene Prescott

Rickenbacker Arrives for Arkansas Speeches

Eddie V. Rickenbacker (second from left) Board chairman of Eastern Airlines, arrived last night at Adams Field for two speaking engagements today in Arkansas and posed with (from left) Brig. Gen. William P. Campbell, vice president of the National Education Program; City Director G. W. Blankenship, assistant mayor, and Dr. Sylvester Petro, professor of labor law at New York University. Rickenbacker will speak at 9 a. m. today at the Freedom Forum at Harding College at Searcy (where Petro also is to be a speaker) and at a public luncheon sponsored by the Pulaski County posts of the American Legion at noon at Hotel Lafayette.

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received a letter from a constituent requesting information regarding Mr. Cleon Skousen. A self-explanatory portion of the letter is as follows:

"It is rumored that his parting with the F.B.I. was not self initiated. Is there anything in the records available for public consumption? If so, I would appreciate any information available on the gentleman in question."

I should appreciate your assistance in replying to this constituent.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

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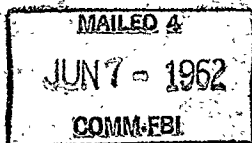
My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of June 5th and want to thank you for your interest in writing as you did.

In response to your constituent's inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. Mr. Skousen's opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

I hope the above information will be of assistance to your constituent.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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FORE-WARNED

Mississippians who took advantage of First National Bank's three-hour television show on the evils of Communism Tuesday night are wiser today.

Ardent as this writer has been in attacks on subversion or anything that smells of the Commie, we must now admit that we were pitifully uninformed.

Above all, we did not recognize the full extent to which the communist plot has penetrated our government in high places.

Suspicious of the United Nations from the very outset, as an American who would not have our powers of government surrendered to any force outside our own borders, we admit that we have never fully understood the machinations of the U.N.

It would be impossible for this writer to recite the parade of revelations of Tuesday night, and, besides we hope you heard too.

Announcement was made that 20-million Americans have seen the show featuring four of the nation's top anti-Communists. That many people, if they make themselves heard with letters or other communications to the Congress, ought to influence a halt to state department cooperation with things foreign to American ideals.

DAY A SUCCESS

Anti-Communist Day in Jackson was an apparent success.

Our flag-bedecked streets indicated that the businessman awakened to the occasion.

The information handed out by Congressman Judd, Sen. Dodd, Dr. Schwartz, and ex-FBI Agent Skousen, is not hearsay, but actual observation and experience.

Five steps to Communism and the ultimate achievement of force rule by the Commies is frightening, and, it could happen here.

ple. We hope everyone saw and we urge everyone to "write your Congressman and insist on action to block further inroads on our way of life..."

You have been forewarned don't take the warning lightly.

The FBI agent advised cleaning out the State Department.

Dr. Schwartz advised Freedom Crusades for the youth, the students who are the greatest pawns of Communism. "Give them a challenge for Freedom instead of Communism," he said.

Congressman Judd dwelt on the insatiability of the Communist bear and Sen. Judd described the utter disregard of Communism for fair play.

Our compliments to those who brought the televised expose on Communism to our people.

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THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, Miss.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-6-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
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Captioned individual, his wife and four of his children visited Bureau Headquarters on August 6, 1962, and were conducted on a ~~special~~ tour by SA David W. Bowers of the Crime Research Section. Tour had been arranged by Mr. Sullivan's office.

Mr. Skousen has just returned from an extended tour of Europe and commented that he had collected enough material for another book. He mentioned his affiliation with "Law And Order," an independent law enforcement magazine, of which he is editorial director. He stated he had agreed to accept this position at the insistence of William C. Copp, publisher, who has a strong desire to enhance the law enforcement profession. He stated his main interest is to reorient the magazine away from the influence of "eggheads" who seemed bent on getting all law enforcement training out of the hands of professionals and into colleges. Mr. Skousen pointed out that he writes an editorial column for each issue and said he would be pleased to assist the Bureau in furthering its worthy programs.

Mr. Skousen asked that his regards and best wishes be extended to the Director and commented on several occasions about the splendid work being performed by the Director and the FBI. He was most appreciative of the courtesies extended him and his family during their visit.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Rigby
Chairman
Arizona Association for Mental
Health Facts Committee
Sedona, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Rigby:

Your letter dated June 4, 1962, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that there is no position in the FBI entitled "Administrative Assistant to the Director"; however, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with this Bureau as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles nor can the Arizona Chapter of this organization be so identified. "Arizona Frontiers" is published at Phoenix, Arizona, by Edward Schwartz, who is also the editor. It is a scandal sheet of liberal character and only began publication in the recent past. The December, 1961, issue contained statements critical of the Director and the FBI, claiming that they are "sacred cows" and almost no one has the courage to criticize them.

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W. Cleon Skousen, Former FBI Man, Writer Talks Here Tonight on Communist Menace

W. Cleon Skousen, noted ex-FBI special agent and writer, will give a "bare-fisted" talk on the subject of communism here Monday night, and will tell his views of what should be done to contain and defeat the menace.

In a talk Sunday night with Sid Groff, chairman of the Town Meeting Group sponsoring Skousen, the former G-man and author recalled by telephone from Utah previous

trips to Butte as an FBI man and said he welcomed the opportunity to put the cards on the table with regards to communism.

Skousen, who will fly here from Utah Monday morning, will address people from Butte and surrounding communities at a free lecture at Butte High School auditorium at 8 o'clock. Contributions from nearly a dozen organizations have made his appearance possible, Groff said.

"We are indebted to the American Legion posts of Butte and Anaconda, the Elks Lodge, Daughters of the American Revolution, Butte Kiwanis, Exchange and Rotary clubs and the York and Scottish rites of the Butte Masonic order,"

Groff said. Himself a student of combatting communism, Groff said Skousen is an "entertaining speaker and an experienced fighter of subversion."

Skousen served a time as chief of police of Salt Lake City. He is a former Mormon missionary, has been a college teacher and is a field director of the American Security Council.

But his chief claim to fame is as author of "The Naked Communist," a documented study of communism and its fallacies. Copies of the book will be sold by members of the American Legion Monday night.

The Utah resident, a native of Alberta, Canada, also will appear before students from Boys and Girls Central high schools at 1 p.m.

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Butte, Montana

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Author Skousen In County Speech

W. Cleon Skousen, author of "The Naked Communist" and former FBI investigator, is scheduled to address Orange County at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, in the Santa Ana High School auditorium, 520 W. Walnut. The public is invited.

Skousen's recent trip to Europe will be the subject of his talk, according to Tom Lucas, director of the Orange County Freedom Forum sponsoring the address.

Born in Alberta, Canada, Skousen acquired his education in Canada, California, Mexico and Washington, D.C. He attended San Bernardino College and obtained his law degree at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Lucas reports.

Skousen is now field director of the American Security Council in Chicago. He was also appointed editorial director for "Law and Order," a widely distributed police magazine.

Skousen's book, "The Naked Communist," is used as a text in many high schools and colleges. He has written several other books and gives approximately 300 speeches yearly to high schools, universities and various state and national conventions, Lucas adds.

Tickets may be purchased at \$1.25 each at the following locations: Freedom Forum Book Store, 816 N. Harbor, Fullerton; C & M Drug, 1306 S. Main, Santa Ana; Lemon Heights Drug, 13022 Newport, Tustin; Conservative Society of America, 1970 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa; Conservative Coordinating Council, 926 S. Euclid, Anaheim; Turner Drug, 2542 W. Coast Hwy., Newport Beach.

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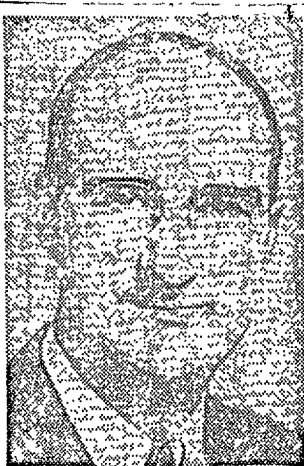
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W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Ex-FBI man to speak on communism

A former FBI man turned author will pinpoint the objectives of communism and tell how the free world can combat them in a speech at Tutwiler Hotel Monday night.

W. Cleon Skousen, who wrote the bestseller, "The Naked Communist," will speak at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Freedom Education Foundation, whose chairman is Dr. James R. Garber.

He said the Freedom Education Foundation is "a non-political and non-profit organization aimed at public education, and understanding of the conflict between freedom and communism."

Skousen served in FBI positions for 16 years. He also was chief of police of Salt Lake City.

An attorney, he also served as director of public services at Brigham Young University, field director of the American Security Council in Chicago and editorial director of "Law and Order," widely read police publication.

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Skousen Ties Red Gains To 'Soft Team' Advice

Anti-communist lecturer W. Cleon Skousen Tuesday night traced capitulation to Russian aims to the "soft team" in U.S. Foreign policy-making and asked for a thorough investigation of the U.S. Department of State to stop it.

Skousen's talk in the Hotel Heidelberg's Olympic Room was the first in a series launched by Jackson civic clubs for "education against Communism." Future speakers in the crusade will include Sen. Thomas Dodd, D-Conn., ex-Rep. Walter Judd, R-Minn., Rep. Bruce Alger, R-Tex., ex-Rep. Martin Dies of Texas and author John Noble.

Skousen described foreign policy formation since 1917 as a seesaw battle between the "firm team" and the "soft team" in Washington to a small but enthusiastic crowd and listeners of 39 radio stations over Mississippi. It was televised in Jackson.

Skousen is a former FBI agent (1935-1951) and has been a police chief, college professor, lawyer, Mormon missionary, editor, and author.

Many of his books were on sale Tuesday night. His best known work is "The Naked Communist."

After introduction by state Sen. John McLaurin of Brandon, Skousen said many persons stayed at home because they were more interested in "Have Gun, Will Travel," than Khrushchev's threat.

Harry Hopkins' lend-lease dealings with Stalin, the loss of China to the Communists, Truman's dealings with MacArthur and the U.S. attitude toward the Hungarian Freedom Fighters came under Skousen's fire.

He praised the late John Foster

Dulles' policy in 1955 in the Formosa Straits, sending in nuclear-armed naval forces. This action backed down Red China in its effort to take Formosa and so mollified the Soviet Union it sought a Geneva conference, he said.

America's Cuban policy, from pre-Castro days to the present, were blasted by Skousen.

He attacked the widely-publicized but unpublished Walt W. Rostow memorandum, and said that Rostow and Arthur Schlesinger Jr., advisers to President Kennedy, wanted the U.S. to socialize and move toward a worldwide socialist unity with communism.

President Kennedy apparently is still listening to the "soft team", Skousen said, as the U.S. has relented on Cuba, hinting Soviet missiles are still hidden on the island.

The next speaker in the series will be Stanton Evans, editor of the Indianapolis Star on Jan. 22. Evans is the son of Dr. Medford Evans of Jackson, a Citizens Councils writer and lecturer. Evans' appearance will be sponsored by the Jackson Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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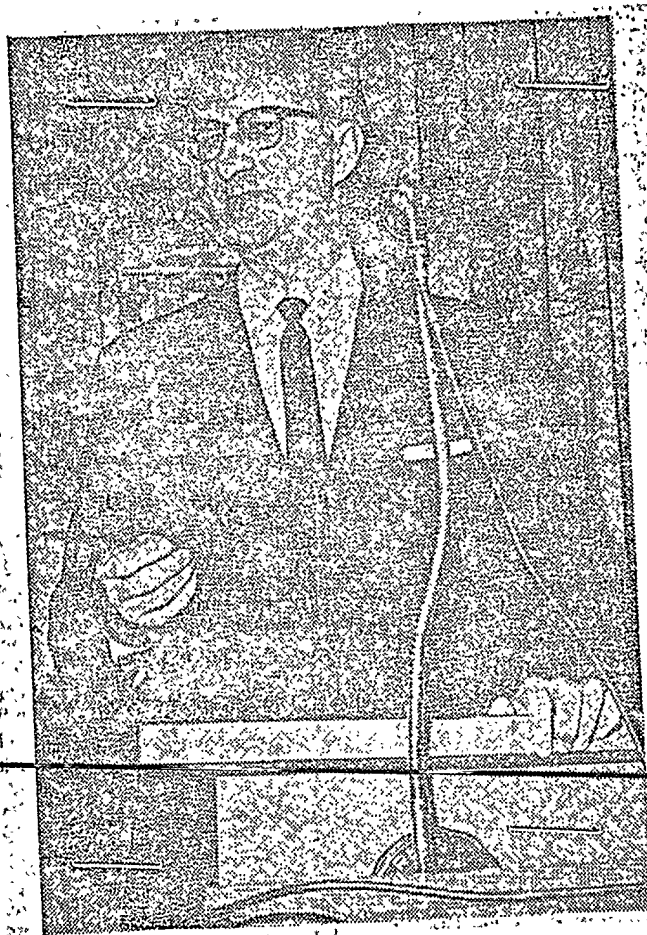
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Skeusen Blasts — Policy On Cuba

W. Cleon Skousen, author and anti-Communist lecturer, charged last night the United States has softened its Cuban policies, and hinted Soviet missiles are hidden on the pre-Red island less than 100 miles from Florida.

The former agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, blasted America's policy on Cuba from its pre-Castro days to now.

Skousen, one in a series of lecturers who will appear in Jackson, told his Heidelberg Hotel audience that Presidential advisers Walt W. Rostow and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., favor socialism.

He said this country's foreign policy since 1917 has been a "see-saw battle" between a "soft team" and a "firm team" in Washington.

Skousen, who has also been a police chief, college professor, attorney, Mormon missionary and editor, called for a complete investigation of the U. S. Department of State.

Also attacked were Harry Hop-

kins' lend-lease deals with Joseph Stalin, the loss of China to the Communists, former President Harry Truman's attitude towards Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the U. S. position towards the Hungarian Freedom Fighters.

The speaker was introduced by State Sen. John McLaurin of Brandon.

Stanton Evans, editor of the Indianapolis Star and the son of Dr. Medford Evans of Jackson, is the next speaker in the series. He will talk here Jan. 22.

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Former Agent Warns Reds May Just Balance for Step

BUNKIE — A former FBI agent Wednesday warned "the Communists may be taking a little step backward while preparing to take a big step forward."

Speaking to an Americanism seminar of students and educators here, **W. Cleon Skousen**, author of "The Naked Communist," said history shows this technique as part of the communist philosophy.

"That's what they've always done," he declared, "and that's what they may be doing today. 'In the present dispute we promised to neutralize ourselves and this hemisphere permanently in regard to liberating Cuba in return for the dismantling of communist missile bases in Cuba,' he continued. 'This is the Bay of Pigs all over again.'"

1,500 Hear

Some 1,500 parish school superintendents, principals, teachers, other supervisory school personnel and selected high school students heard Skousen speak here. Similar seminars were held last year at the state colleges, but a recent legislative act calls for seminars in each parish.

Skousen is scheduled to speak to the Knife and Fork Club in Baton Rouge Thursday at a 7:15 p.m. dinner at Mike and Tony's Steak House. A reception is planned at 6:30.

In the seminar here, he said "not a single country has been taken over because people wanted communism. All were taken at the point of a gun."

Cautioning educators "not to abandon American principles," he said these "stand as a bulwark between free America and the socialistic state."

Group discussions in the afternoon session included panelists, Miss Patricia Jackson, a consultant on Americanism vs. commu-

nism; Mack Avants, A. Larri-
viere, A. E. Robinson, J. B.
Robertson, assistant superintend-
ents of the State Department of
Education, and Jack R. Gamble,
executive assistant of the depart-
ment. Supt. Shelby Jackson was
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Americanism Sessions**Ted Toon Says He's
A 'Commie-Chaser'** 325

By PHIL PETERS

Ted Toon from Washington D. C. is in town.

He's a self-styled "Commie-chaser" and he has a couple of Americanism sessions set up Friday at Tingley Coliseum.

Mr. Toon is 62 years old. He said he's been fighting the Reds for 20 years.

About last April he and two other men, Robert Morris, ex-president of Dallas (Tex.) University, and former FBI Agent W. Cleon Skousen, decided to set up a series of Freedom Days. They plan one Freedom Day per state per year.

They attracted 12,000 persons in Spokane, Wash.

Conservative Candidates

In fact, said Mr. Toon, "after we left it was the first

time in the history of eastern Washington (State) every elective office there had a conservative candidate."

But, he said, his Ted Toon and Associates, Inc., is not politically affiliated. "This is a non-partisan effort," he said, and claimed friends on both sides of the fence.

He said there were five professionals on his staff and that no one except the master of ceremonies and one other worker gets paid for his work.

He said proceeds — tickets to the meetings are \$1.50 each — stay in the community with the sponsoring organization, usually a veterans' group.

Two \$500 scholarships will be given away at Friday's gatherings here.

And he said the people who attend will find out about freedom.

They may also find out Mr. Toon is dead set against the Trade Expansion Act. "I consider this the most dangerous socialistic type of legislation," he said.

He wants people to regain

state and constitutional rights. If they don't, he said, "we had better teach our children to deal in Russian rubles."

He supports Gen. Edwin Walker. "I feel that Gen. Walker is one of our greatest military leaders. He is not and never will be a politician."

Made No Mistake

Mr. Toon said the general did not make a mistake in going to Mississippi. "I'd of gone myself. He went to give moral support to a great governor who was fighting for state rights and the Constitution. He pleaded with the students not to riot," Toon asked.

"We're going to have a Freedom Day in Jackson, Miss. And Governor Barnett has promised me a dollar for every seat that is not filled," he stated.

Mr. Toon is a World War I veteran. He said he believes in the brotherhood of man. But he doesn't consider atheists or communists men.

He wants Gov. Edwin L. Mechem to proclaim Oct. 19 as New Mexico's Freedom Day.

He said, "We are in a war — not a cold war, and we should hang our heads if we are derelict in our duty."

He said our duty was to provide our children with the

"liberties and freedoms and the right to worship we have too long taken for granted."

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: January 2, 1963

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You will recall that we recently received information from former Special Agent in Charge, Norman H. McCabe concerning Skousen and a course on communism being sponsored by the American Security Council. The course is to consist of a series of sixty-five half-hour television programs featuring Skousen, along with lectures by number of so-called outstanding authorities on communism and related matters.

I was contacted by Rear Admiral William C. Mott, Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Navy, concerning the proposed course and Skousen's part in it. Mott stated that he recently had talked with Admiral Chester Ward, the retired former Judge Advocate General, who told him that he, Ward, had been contacted by Skousen to see if he would be a participating member in the program. Ward told Mott that Skousen impressed him as an "unprincipled racketeer in anticommunism" who is "money mad" and who is doing anything and everything to exploit the subject. Ward told Mott that he intended to have absolutely nothing to do with Skousen in this or any other of his money-making ventures in this field since he feels that Skousen is totally unqualified and is interested solely in furthering his own personal ends.

As you know, we frequently receive inquiries from the public regarding Skousen's qualifications to speak with authority on the subject of communism. In view of his obvious efforts to capitalize on his former Bureau association, I feel that it would be well for us to take positive measures to clarify the Bureau's position in regard to Skousen whenever we receive public inquiries concerning him. I feel,

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for example, that in addition to stating that his views are his own, that we should also add in correspondence concerning him that he was not regarded as any authority on communism while employed with the FBI. That is certainly a true statement and it might serve in some measure to prevent Skousen from using the FBI's name for his own personal gain.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1). That the above statement be incorporated in replies to future correspondence from the public inquiring about Skousen and his status while with the FBI.

(2). That this memorandum be referred to the Crime Records Division for its information and appropriate action in regard to future correspondence concerning Skousen.

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446 So. Swall Drive
Beverly Hills, California
January 12, 1963

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a Senior in high school and am enrolled in an American Government class. My teacher has recently made the statement that Cleon Skousen was fired from the F.B.I. I had previously held a belief about Cleon Skousen contrary to that of my teacher's. Since she believes only what she sees in print, could you please send me some kind of proof that Mr. Skousen wasn't fired. I don't think my teacher could argue with this kind of proof. Mr. Skousen has done some fine work and I'd like to see his name cleared in the minds of one hundred fifty seniors. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Kathleen McWaid
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January 25, 1963

Miss Kathleen McWaid
446 South Swall Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Miss McWaid:

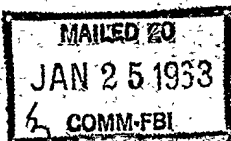
Your letter of January 12th has been received and I appreciate your interest in writing.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Anti-Communist Author to Talk Here Next Week

W. Cleon Skousen, a 16-year veteran of the FBI and the author of a top-selling book, "The Naked Communist," will appear in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and Thursday, Feb. 21 for a series of talks on Communism.

The schedule for Skousen is being coordinated by the Americanism Committee of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, headed by Jack Worthy.



W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Worthy said that Skousen will address a joint meeting of the Baton Rouge Rotary Club and the Capital City Kiwanis Club Feb. 20. The meeting will be held at noon in the Capitol House, and slated to be televised live by WBRZ.

That night, at 8 p.m., Skousen will speak at the LSU Law Auditorium in a free public meeting sponsored by the Students for Conservative Government, a chapter of Young Americans for Freedom. Tommy Pugh is president of the students group at LSU.

On Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m., Skousen will speak at the Legion Hall of Nicholson Post No. 38, on Florida St., at a free public meeting sponsored by the Citizenship Development Committee, headed by Quentin Mall.

An appearance by Skousen at local schools is pending, Worthy said. Skousen is seen in Baton Rouge each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. on the "Freedom University of the Air" over WBRZ. He is faculty director for the program, which gives a basic understanding of the social, political and economic problems confronting the United States today. He is field director of the American Security Council, a private organization combating subversion and developing a better understanding of the Communist threat. He was educated in Canada, the United States and Mexico, and spent two years in England. He holds a law degree from George Washington University, and was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. Following a 16-year tenure with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Skousen served for five years as a faculty member of Brigham Young University in Utah. He then accepted a request to organize the Salt Lake City Police Department and was police chief for four years. Skousen speaks to thousands of persons each year and has made numerous appearances on radio and television. He has spoken in clubs, churches and universities all over the nation. His newest book "So You Want to Raise a Boy?" is published by Doubleday. He resides with his wife and eight children in Salt Lake City. "The Americanism Committee is happy to have an opportunity to aid in the presentation of Mr. Skousen before the citizens of Baton Rouge," Worthy said. "We hope that his message reaches most of the people of this area, both through his televised talk and his two public talks, which will be open to the public." "He has a message of importance for all of us who are concerned about the very real dangers facing America today, both from within and without," Worthy said. "He has had years of experience as an FBI agent, attorney and police chief, and is one of the most informed men on the threat of Communism in America today."

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SEN. FRANK E. MOSS, D-UTAH, MEANWHILE ANGRILY DENOUNCED AS "VICIOUS" AND "POISONOUS" A PAMPHLET ATTACKING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S HANDLING OF THE CUBAN PROBLEM.

MOSS, IN A SENATE SPEECH, BRANDED THE PAMPHLET "LYING HYPOCRISY" AND SUGGESTED IT HAD BEEN ISSUED IN SALT LAKE CITY BY "A FRONT" FOR THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

MOSS IDENTIFIED THE PAMPHLET AS "HAS CUBA BEEN ABANDONED TO COMMUNISM?" BY W. CLEON SKOUSEN. HE SAID THE PAMPHLET HAD BEEN SENT TO HIM BY THE CITIZEN'S INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF SALT LAKE CITY.

THE PUBLICATION, MOSS SAID, USED SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S WORDS TO "PROVE" A CLAIM THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD "BETRAYED AND LIED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

THE UTAH DEMOCRAT SAID THE PAMPHLET ACCUSED KENNEDY OF PERSONALLY GUARANTEEING THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO LIBERATE CUBA AND THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY OTHER WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRY TO DO SO.

"BOTH OF THESE STATEMENTS, AS WE ALL KNOW, ARE COMPLETELY, UNEQUIVOCALLY, YES, OUTRAGEOUSLY FALSE," MOSS SAID. "BUT WHAT IS REALLY GALLING ABOUT THIS POISONOUS LITTLE PAMPHLET IS THAT IT GOES ON AND CITES AS PROOF FOR THESE STATEMENTS, A LETTER FROM SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV..."

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO BELIEVE IN THE PREMIER OF THE SOVIET UNION, NOT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 4267-4268. Senator Moss, (D) Utah, spoke concerning a booklet entitled "Has Cuba Been Abandoned to Communism?" Mr. Moss stated "The author is W. Cleon Skousen, and the booklet was sent to me by the Citizens' Information Committee of Salt Lake City, which I suspect is a front for the John Birch Society. What disturbs me about this little booklet is that it goes far beyond the usual distortions contained in this type of material. Playing upon the real concern of every loyal American citizen over the serious stakes involved in the Cuban problem, this booklet strikes at the very roots of our form of representative democracy. It implies that the President of the United States has betrayed and lied to the American people, and irony of ironies, it uses the words of a Communist to prove its point." Mr. Moss goes on to point out that the purpose of the booklet "is to undermine the confidence of the American people in their own form of democratic, freely elected, representative government. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, in his book 'Masters of Deceit,' written to warn Americans of the dangers of communism says on page 312: 'Too often I have seen cases where loyal and patriotic but misguided Americans have thought that they were fighting communism by slapping the label of Red or Communist on anybody who happened to be different from them or to have ideas with which they did not agree. . . . I would like to believe that Mr. Skousen and the perpetrators of this pamphlet are merely 'loyal and patriotic but misguided Americans.' But their deceit is so calculated, their methods are so purposeful, and their objectives are so obvious that I find it difficult to forgive this booklet as merely 'misguided.'"

(W. Cleon Skousen was employed by the Bureau as a Messenger on October 24, 1955, and was appointed an Agent on June 17, 1949. He resigned on October 5, 1961. His services were satisfactory.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-29-65

FROM : M. Jones

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
FORMER BUREAU AGENT
SPEECH, JULY 9, 1965,
TWIN BRIDGES MARRIOTT MOTOR HOTEL
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Attached are two leaflets that were recently distributed together in shopping centers in suburban Virginia. One leaflet is a reprint from the John Birch Society bulletin and the second leaflet indicates that W. Cleon Skousen will speak on "Law and Order" on Friday, July 9th at 8 p.m. at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motor Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

Skousen is a former Special Agent of the Bureau and his activities are well known to the Bureau. In recent years he has been aligned closely with the extreme right wing and has been very active in speaking on communism.

Skousen's speech, which is scheduled for July 9th, will be held in the same hotel that The American Legion, Department of the District of Columbia will be holding its Annual Convention. July 9th will be the second session of The American Legion Convention; however, Skousen's speech is scheduled for the Commonwealth Room which is located on the floor beneath the auditorium in which the Legion Convention will be in session.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Ex-FBI Aide To Talk Here

W. Cleon Skousen, former FBI official and author, will speak on "The Naked Communist" at 8 P.M. June 25 at the Arbutus Firemen's Hall.

Born in Canada, Mr. Skousen received a law degree from George Washington University in 1935. He entered the FBI in 1935 and left in 1951 to teach at Brigham Young University. In 1956, he reorganized the Salt Lake City Police Department, and later became chief of police.

He has been a field director of the American Security Council and editorial director of "Law and Order," the most widely distributed police magazine in the United States.

He is the author of "The Naked Communist," and "So You Want To Raise A Boy?", a book dealing with youth problems.

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SKOUSEN HIMSELF CALLED A "HITLER"

Speaker Says Scranton, McNamara, Rusk Are 'Soft'

on Communism

Republican William Scranton is a member of the "team" which is "soft" on Communism, George Romney is "soft" internationally and "firm" domestically and President Lyndon Johnson "has the temperament to go whichever way the wind blows," W. Cleon Skousen told an audience of 200 in Hamilton's Grange Hall Monday night.

The former FBI agent and former Salt Lake City police chief's appearance, sponsored by the conservative Ravalli County Speakers Bureau, was marked by one display of verbal fireworks when a member of the audience read a letter by former Utah Governor Bracken Lee branding Skousen an "incipient Hitler."

Skousen, in defining his

cade without help from the free world.

He said that the Communist government in Russia has become vulnerable in recent months "due to a serious technical and economic breakdown behind the Iron Curtain."

"Russia has suffered five successive crop failures which have forced her to plead for food from the West. Some of this was due to unfavorable weather, but the basic reason for her food crisis is the inefficiency of the collectivized farms and the breakdown of Communist industry," Skousen said.

The speaker charged these failures have led the Russians to seek large-scale purchases from the West, along with 15- and 20-year loans and that the loans have been granted and the orders filled.

He called for a reappraisal of U.S. foreign policy, demand for free elections in the satellite nations, dismantling the Berlin Wall and other concessions as the price of future aid.

Skousen's talk was punctuated by applause from an almost unanimously favorable audience which showed its temper when G. M. Brandborg of Hamilton asked Skousen to comment on a letter reportedly written by former Utah Governor J. Bracken Lee when Lee was mayor of Salt Lake City.

"The man (Skousen) is an incipient Hitler. I am a devoted anti-communist and I agree with the ends Mr. Skousen says to achieve, but both his motives and his means are open to question," Brandborg read.

"He ran the police department in Salt Lake City in exactly the

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Republican
Hamilton, Montana

PERS. REC. UNIT

Date: 12/15/64
Edition: Daily
Author: GEORGE DANKER
Editor: PUBLISHER
Title:
W. CLEON SKOUSEN
FORMER FBI AGENT
Character:
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"team" concept, said, in his opinion, the "soft team" wants to move our country toward a common socialist dictatorship with Russia along Marxist lines while the "firm team" urges a strong line against communism, believing that communism is vulnerable and not permanent.

Secretary of Defense McNamara and Dean Rusk are on the "soft team," the speaker said, and Eisenhower, Nixon and the late John Foster Dulles played on both teams at one time or another.

Skousen attributed the fall of China and Cuba along with other cold war setbacks to the influence of the "soft team," adding that Red governments in both China and Russia would have collapsed in the last de-

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same manner as the Communists in Russia operate their government. He was wasteful of public funds and abused his powers to such an extent that I was forced to publicly discharge him from his position.

"He is a master of half-truths and would not hesitate to convey an outright lie if he felt it would further his personal ambitions," Lee's letter reportedly continued, concluding, "I have served for over 20 years in an executive capacity in government . . . the one act of which I am most proud is the one in which I publicly discharged W. Cleon Skousen as the chief of police of Salt Lake City."

Skousen acknowledged that the letter had actually been written by Lee and mailed to 15 persons, but said Lee had since moderated his opinion.

Skousen charged that at the

time of his dismissal, Lee was under the influence of illegal interests which wanted to turn Salt Lake into an open town and this was the reason behind his dismissal as chief.

A member of the audience rose to say she had recently moved from Salt Lake City and that Skousen was highly regarded by the people of that town.

Skousen also criticized Brandborg for calling Walter Knott, owner of Knott's Berry Farm in Los Angeles, a "Bircher," saying that he should be prepared to prove it because that was a "slandorous allegation."

"The Birch people have a story all their own," Skousen said. "Mr. Knott has his and I have mine."

Later in the question period, he devoted several minutes to a defense of the Birch Society,

saying that its members were effectively fighting communism, that they are "good people" and that the press attacks on the society are the result of orders from Moscow and were triggered by publication on Feb. 1961, of an attack on the Society by "Peoples World," west coast communist newspaper.

Prior to his talk, Skousen was a dinner guest at the Sleeping Child ranch of F. X. Ranuzzi, California insurance man and proprietor of Poor Richard's Book Store in Los Angeles.

His talk included praise for Ranuzzi's efforts in making literature available through the "nationally known" store.

He was introduced by Harvey Pounds. Rev. Earl Matson of the Bitter Root Bible Church gave the invocation and Bill Denton led the salute to the flag.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-8-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ARTICLE BY FORMER AGENT
W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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BACKGROUND:

We have received the September, 1964, issue of "American Opinion," the monthly publication by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. Inside the back cover is printed an article by W. Cleon Skousen entitled "J. Edgar Hoover." The Director's picture is carried on the front cover. Skousen's article is entirely highly favorable about the Director. It is in essence a thumbnail sketch of Mr. Hoover's 40-year career as Director of the FBI. It ends with reference to the President's order exempting the Director from the compulsory retirement rule at age 70.

The Director's picture which is carried on the front cover appears to be a painting, probably based on a photograph, and bears what appears to be the name of its artist, Daniel Michael Canavan.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

The activities of Skousen are well known to the Bureau. He Entered on Duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October, 5, 1951. In recent years he has been aligned closely with the extreme right-wing such as the John Birch Society and has been characterized as an "unprincipled racketeer in anticommunism" who is "money mad" and who is doing everything and anything to exploit the subject of anticommunism.

Bureau files reveal Skousen has always been a strong supporter of the Bureau and the Director; however, he has not hesitated to trade on his former association with the Bureau in order to achieve stature as a writer and lecturer on anticommunism. In view of this, it is not felt we should acknowledge his favorable comments about Mr. Hoover.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Bufiles reflect that in 1951 the Bureau conducted a Departmental applicant investigation on a Daniel Michael Canavan of New York City. This investigation revealed that Canavan had been discharged from the Army in 1946 because of "schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type." A later name check form on Canavan reflected that he was self-employed as a commercial artist.

OBSERVATION:

Though there is no indication that we gave permission to Welch to use the Director's picture on the cover of his magazine, it is felt nothing would be gained by protesting to him.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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6 Thurs., April 30, 1964 CLARKSTON, WASH, HERALD



HEAR W. CLEON SKOUSEN

(Author of THE
NAKED COMMUN-
IST)

(And Former FBI
Agent)

"Retreat Means De-
feat"

LEARN: The Com-
munist refutation of
American Economy,
Freedom and Morals.
Communism's current
goals for us.

A Concise and frank
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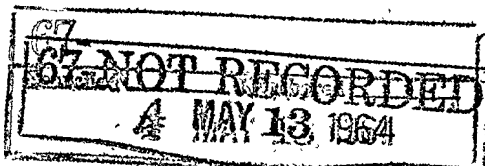
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Adults \$1 — Students 50c

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 6 CLARKSTON HERALD
 CLARKSTON, WASH.

Date: 4-30-64
 Edition:
 Author: *R. Skousen*
 Editor:
 Title:
 W. CLEON SKOUSEN
 Former Special Agent
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Skousen To Talk On Communism

W. Cleon Skousen, author of the best-seller book "The Naked Communist" and former FBI official and police chief will speak at the Lewiston High School Auditorium Monday at 7:30 p. m. on the threat and program of current Communism, as it applies to us.

He will tell "why the contradictions between Communism and Religion are irreconcilable and what the churches must do about their mortal enemy."

Speaking on "Retreat Means Defeat", Skousen will give unpublished side-lights and behind-the-scenes information accumulated by a professional investigator.

Entering the FBI in 1935, Skousen served as a special agent and later at FBI headquarters as an administrator. He became a member of Brigham Young University faculty in 1951 and in 1956-60 served as Chief of Police and reorganized the Salt Lake City Police Department.

A director of the American Security Council, he is also editorial director of Law and Order, a national police magazine, and author of a recent book, "So You Want To Raise a Boy?"

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Date: 4-30-64

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March 27, 1964

Mr. Pelayo Riera
1411 Tucker Road
Macon, Georgia 31204

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FBI

Dear Mr. Riera:

I have received your letter of March 21st.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned that position on October 5, 1951. It has been my policy over the years not to comment on any material not prepared by me or this Bureau. For this reason, I am not able to respond in the manner you requested. The opinions expressed by Mr. Skousen are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any way.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning correspondent. W. Cleon Skousen and his book are well known to the Bureau.

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1411 Tucker Road
Macon, Georgia, 31204

March 21, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

As a Cuban citizen living in the United States I have had occasion to give talks to civic clubs and church groups describing the many devious means used by Castro to destroy the principles of freedom and substitute the ruthless "Dictatorship of the Proletariat".

On one occasion I had cause to refer to the book "The Naked Communist" by W. Cleon Skousen and wastold that an FBI lecturer by the name of Sullivan had stated that the author of this book constituted a "source of embarrassment to the FBI".

Such a statement, if true, wouldtend to undermine the credibility of the author in his charges against Communism.

I hope it will be possible for you to give me your opinion of "The Naked Communist" and of its author's reliability.

Sincerely yours,

Pelayo Riera

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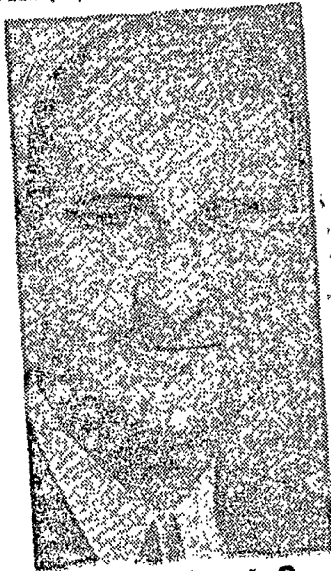
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— presents —

**W. Cleon
 Skousen**

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 "Communism and
 the Ten
 Commandments"

Rocky Mount Senior High School
**8:00 P.M., Feb. 20, 1964
 admission: \$1.00**

Mr. Skousen, nationally known lecturer, former FBI official,
 and author of THE NAKED COMMUNIST was projected into
 prominence by his appearance on the nationally televised
 program "Hollywood's Answer to Communism".

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 2 TELEGRAM
 Rocky Mount, N. C.

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**Former Agent of FBI
to Talk on Communism**

W. Cleon Skousen, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, will speak on combatting communism during a "citizens' hearing" sponsored by the Greater Chicago council of We, The People! at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Sheraton-Chicago hotel, 505 N. Michigan av. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students.

W. Cleon Skousen

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Author: W. D. MAXWELL
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Ex-FBI Agent Will Talk Here

A former FBI agent and author of the book "The Naked Communist" will speak before two local audiences Thursday.

He is W. Cleon Skousen, former chief of the Salt Lake City Police Department.

Skousen will speak to the Eastmont High School student body in the afternoon, and at a meeting open to the public at Wenatchee High School at 8 p.m. The sessions are sponsored by the Wenatchee Speakers Bureau.

In recent months Skousen has addressed audiences of 15,000 Bureau, Elmer Jacks, president.

In recent months Skousen has addressed audiences of 15,000 in the Hollywood Bowl, 5,000 in Downey, California, 7,500 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, 4,500 in San Antonio, 1,500 in Chicago, 1,400 in Dallas, 1,100 in New Orleans, 2,200 in Phoenix, and 10,500 at Anaheim, California. His talk at the Hollywood Bowl

was carried on a TV network of 37 stations to an audience of approximately 9 million viewers.

Skousen entered the FBI in 1935 while attending law school and was subsequently appointed a Special Agent. He served in various parts of the United States and during World War II was appointed to a supervisory administrative position at the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Skousen left the FBI in 1951 to become the Director of Public Services and a member of



W. CLEON SKOUSEN

the faculty at Brigham Young University.

In 1956 he was given a leave of absence from the University to reorganize the Salt Lake City Police Department. He served as Chief of Police until 1960.

His newest book, "So You Want to Raise a Boy?" deals with another field in which Skousen has specialized, namely, youth problems. The publisher of this book is Doubleday and Company which predicts that it will be another best seller.

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Page 3, The Wenatchee
Daily World, Wenatchee,
Wash.

Date: Sept. 27, 1963

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title:

W. CLEON SKOUSEN,
former FBI Agent

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SALT LAKE CITY

UTAH

Date: 4-1-63

Edition: Afternoon

Author:

Editor:

Title: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
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Character: (NATIONALITIES
 or INTELLIGENCE)

Classification:

Submitting Office: Salt Lake City
 Utah.

Skousen Defends Cuba Booklet

W. Cleon Skousen Monday defended his pamphlet—"Has Cuba Been Abandoned to Communism?"—which was denounced in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Frank E. Moss (D-Utah), recently.

"Sen. Moss became indignant when I raised the issue of President Kennedy's 'no invasion' pledge last October," Mr. Skousen said. "I think the American people are entitled to challenge a President who

negotiates with Khrushchev on a basis which appears to violate both the spirit and the letter of the Monroe Doctrine and the Rio Pact."

Mr. Skousen said in his travels about the country he finds that the American people are disturbed that the President would make such a commitment and they are also "disturbed by the increasing evidence that the executive

branch of our government is following policies which seek peace and unity through persistent piecemeal surrender."

He said he had listed 15 incidents of "unnecessary concessions to Communism" which have occurred in the past two years.

"I feel these are serious errors of strategy as well as a violation of our moral and legal responsibilities. Under the Constitution, Sen. Moss has the responsibility of setting up checks and balances against such errors and not blindly following the President as a 'yes man,'" Mr. Skousen said.

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July 13, 1965

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Mr. W. Cleon Skousen
2197 Berkeley Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Skousen:

I have given your book, "The Third Thousand Years," to Mr. Hoover and he asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness. He also wants you to know that he appreciates the kind inscription.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Skousen is a former Special Agent who EOD 6-17-40 and resigned 10-5-51. This Bureau has observed a policy of being circumspect in dealing with Skousen in view of his attempts to capitalize on his association with the FBI in his anticommunist endeavors. Accordingly, it is felt the above letter over Miss Gandy's signature is warranted.

He called at Director's Reception Room on 7-9-65 in hopes of seeing Director and presenting his book. He left book with Miss Gandy and asked his best regards be given to Director and was eloquent in his praise of Director and work he is doing.

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JUL 27 1965

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

FROM : C. R. Davidson *CRD*

SUBJECT: FRANK M. SMALLWOOD, JR.
Former Special Agent
EOD 5-7-51
Resigned 5-8-53; Reinstated 6-21-54
Resigned 9-22-61 (Illness of Mother)
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS' LIST

DATE: 11-10-65

7/11/65

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Handwritten signatures and initials: m. A. Jones, etc.

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend removal of captioned former Special Agent Frank M. Smallwood, Jr., from the Bureau's Special Correspondents' List.

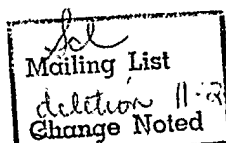
Enclosed news item from the "Cocoa Tribune", forwarded by the Tampa Office indicates former Special Agent Smallwood is co-chairman of a "conservative" lecture series which includes one speaker who is listed as an official of the John Birch Society scheduled to begin in Cocoa during November. Sponsoring organization is listed as the Central Florida American Opinion Speakers Bureau. Listed as one of the speakers is former Special Agent Cleon Skousen (W. Cleon Skousen is a former Special Agent who served 6-17-40 to 10-5-51 and whose services were satisfactory. The Bureau has observed policy of being circumspect in dealing with Skousen in view of his attempts to capitalize on his association with the FBI in his anti-Communist endeavors).

Smallwood's file contains communication from SAC Tampa of 12-22-64 advising that in connection with Smallwood's candidacy for sheriff of Brevard County, Florida, an informant described Smallwood as a "recruiter" for the John Birch Society. In our last response to a service record inquiry on Smallwood we did not include a statement regarding his character and services, although we had previously included such statements. His services were rated Excellent on a transfer performance report of 8-11-61. His letter of resignation stated he was resigning due to the illness and personal situation of his mother, which required him to be with her at her home in Eau Gallie, Florida, at which time he was assigned to the New York Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of repeated indications that Smallwood is closely identified with the John Birch Society it is recommended his name be removed from the Bureau's Special Correspondents' List.

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Enclosure
1 - Mr. Jones



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Brevard Talk Readied By Bircher 'Official'

A "conservative" lecture series which includes one speaker who is listed as an official of the John Birch Society is scheduled to begin in Cocoa next month.

One series ticket provided to The Cocoa Tribune lists pioneer Cocoa Beach developer Gus Edwards as chairman of the event.

Contacted by telephone, Edwards said he was twice asked to accept the position and twice refused. He said he did not choose to be connected with the series.

The same ticket lists Frank Smallwood Jr., Satellite Beach, unsuccessful 1964 Democratic candidate for Brevard County sheriff as co-chairman.

Contacted by telephone, Smallwood said he is co-chairman of the series and Edwards is chairman.

Smallwood, a former FBI agent, said Maurice Wilson is secretary-treasurer of the organization.

The ticket to the lectures lists a "donation" of \$15 for two persons.

Sponsoring organization is listed as the Central Florida American Opinion Speakers Bureau. The brochure lists the address of this organization at Post Office Box 129, Eau Gallie.

Among the speakers scheduled for the series of six lectures is Ed Griffin, "one of a limited number of public speakers authorized to speak for the John Birch Society and . . . a staff major coordinator of the society." His topic is to be the John Birch Society's views of the United Nations.

Other speakers listed are:

—Jose Norman, to speak Nov. 2 about Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

—Willis F. Stone, to speak Dec. 7, who delivers, according to the brochure, "a lusty, action-packed narrative of the forces which made America great and of our eternal struggle to secure our great traditions of human liberty."

—Tom Anderson, to speak Jan. 11, 1966, listed as a publisher and columnist, due to deliver "straight talk."

—Griffin, due to speak Feb. 8, 1966.

—Cleon Skousen, March 8, 1966, former FBI agent and author of "The Naked Communist", who will "reveal unpublished sidelights and behind the scenes information concerning the Communist conspiracy."

—Dr. Hans Reichenholz, April 5, 1966, former member of the German Luftwaffe, who, according to the brochure, is "searching for a new humanity."

All lectures are scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Cocoa Armory. The brochure calls the series the "American Opinion Lecture Series." Its origins are not discussed.

"American Opinion" is a publishing affiliate of the John Birch Society, which last summer issued a "scoreboard" claiming that the United States is 60-80 per cent Communist dominated.



FRANK SMALLWOOD
Co-Chairman of group

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 The Cocoa Tribune
Cocoa, Florida

Date: 10/28/65

Edition:

Author:

Editor: John W. Pounds

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Ex-FBI official will lecture here

A former FBI official will lead off a series of lectures for the Lighthouse Lecture Association at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1951 to become the director of public services and a faculty member of Brigham Young University.

W. Cleon Skousen will speak on "Law and Order: Civil Disobedience" at Howard College's gymnasium.

The author of "The Naked Communist" and "So You Want to Raise a Boy," Skousen is a former FBI executive with 16 years' service in the bureau.

A critic of Communist appeasement policies of Western nations, he has publicly called for an investigation of the U. S. State Department and lectures frequently in anti-Communist seminars.

Mrs. Georges Bridges, president of the association, said these speakers will lecture after Skousen:

DR. MAX RAFFERTY, California superintendent of education; Reed Benson, son of former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson; Dr. Fern Stukenbroeker, an FBI official who has investigated the Communist Party and Soviet espionage; Dr. William E. Fort Jr., executive director of the Americanism Educational League, and Dr. S. G. Menocal, president of Cuba Power Co. prior to the Castro revolution.

Skousen entered the FBI in 1935 and was appointed to a supervisory administrative position in Washington during World War II. He left the FBI in

In 1956, he took a leave of absence from the university to reorganize the Salt Lake City Police Department, serving as chief of police until 1960. A national magazine, at the end of his assignment, said he had "run a model police force."

In 1960, he became editorial director of "Law and Order," the most widely distributed police magazine in the United States. He still holds this position.

Series and individual tickets may be obtained at Bromberg's downtown, Bromberg's in Mountain Brook and Atrial Drug of Crestline.



W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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42 THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS

THE BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Date: 11-3-65

Edition: LATE FINAL

Author:

Editor: JOHN W. BLOOMER

Title: W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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Riots in L.A. Red-Inspired -Ex-FBI Agent

The Los Angeles riots were Communist-inspired, "and it is intended that it shall happen in



Houston and in every major U.S. city," says a former FBI agent.

"This came out as a Communist order in 1960, and the order was distributed on Communist literature," said S. Cleon Skousen of Washington, editor of Law and Order, a peace officers magazine.

He addressed more than 400 persons Monday night at a Rice Hotel meeting of the Houston-Harris County Committee to Support Your Local Police.

Public Support Vital
Public support is vital if police are to preserve law and order, said Skousen, author of "The Naked Communist."

He rapped civilian police review boards and said they were Communist-inspired to "neutralize the police force."

Such boards to investigate charges of police brutality can make it impossible for police to do their job, he said.

"Houston has a system whereby a person can lodge a complaint and have it investigated by professionals," he said.

Properly Dealt With

"Your police chief, Herman Short told me today any officer found guilty of misconduct would be properly dealt with," Skousen quoted Short as adding.

"But we're not throwing any of our officers to the wolves just to satisfy the clamor of

people trying to hurt good men who are trying to do a good job for the people of Houston!"

Skousen praised the Houston Police Department and said it has nationwide respect.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

Date: 8/17/65

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Editor: W. P. STEVEN

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Titchfield Minn
May 15 1966

Dear Mr Hoover.

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We have a High School Supt. who is
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In Minn. we also have a Citizenship
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students? I'm concerned whether
the Farm Bureau or ~~our~~ ^{our} High School
Supt. is off base. Please advise
Thank You

Yours Truly
R. Hugh Benjamin
Ralph F. F.
Fitchfield, Mass

TRUE COPY

Litchfield Minn
May 15 1966

Dear Mr. Hoover.

I am writing as President of the Meeker County Farm Bureau. We have been on a program of Citizenship for our youth. We had a chance to get Cleon Skousen former F.B.I. agent as a speaker on the evils of communism. We have a High School Supt. who is against anything like this. He claims information that he has been connected with subversive activities. In Minn. we also have a citizenship seminar promoted by Farm Bureau and he discourages students from going.

Now what I would like to know is what your opinion is on having Cleon Skousen as staff at a Citizenship seminar or as a speaker to our High School students? I'm concerned wheather the Farm Bureau or our High School Supt. is off base. Please advise Thank You

Yours truly

H. Hugh Benjamin
Route #2
Litchfield, Minn



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May 20, 1966

[Handwritten signature]

Mr. H. Hugh Benjamin
Route 2
Litchfield, Minnesota 55355

Dear Mr. Benjamin:

I received your letter of May 15th.

Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. Mr. Skousen's activities, opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner. Further, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to furnish the advice you are seeking.

I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. ~~They may be available at your school or local library.~~

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)
What Young People Should Know About Communism
Young People Can Help Defeat Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

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SAC, Salt Lake City

1 - Mr. H.P. Callahan
1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. R.V. Smith
1 - Mr. R.S. Garner
October 24, 1956

Director, FBI (62-40558)

1 - Miss Butler

**PURCHASE OF BOOK
BOOK REVIEW**

You are requested to obtain discreetly one copy of the book Communist Attack on U. S. Police by W. Cleon Skousen, a former Bureau Agent. The book was published in 1955 (price not known) by the Danign Publishing Company whose latest address, according to Bureau Records, was given as 4367 Teleate Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah. The book should be forwarded to the Bureau marked to the attention of the Research-Intelligence Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

- ① - 67-69392 (W. Cleon Skousen)
1 - H. F. Row (6221 I. B.)

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NOTE: Book ordered at request of Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan, Domestic Intelligence Division, for review. After review, the book will be placed in the Bureau Library where it is not now available.

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TO : Miss Gandy

DATE: September 30, 1966

FROM : Mr. Tavel *TS*

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF FILE EXHIBIT

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 67-69602-266

Willard Cleon Skousen

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Personnel Records Unit of the Records Branch, Room 6646, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

Verbal permission given by Miss Gandy through telephone Room for destruction.

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To: SAC, Detroit

From: Director, FBI

MR. CHARLES L. LYLE

CHAIRMAN

REPUBLICAN 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

BUDED 8/15/66

Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated 8-2-66 from, captioned individual, together with his original enclosures. The significance of the political circular regarding State Senator Huber to his communication is not known. Mr. Lyle is not identifiable in Bufiles.

You should have Mr. Lyle contacted by an experienced Agent at which time his communication to the Bureau should be cordially acknowledged. He should be asked for details regarding receipt of the material he enclosed and whether or not the circular on Senator Huber was received in the envelope he forwarded. Also, Mr. Lyle should be assured that the FBI had nothing to do with the preparation or distribution of the booklet entitled "The Communist Attack on the John Birch Society." *4207 Branch Road*

In the event Mr. Lyle indicates the circular regarding Senator Huber was enclosed in the envelope when he received it, there is a possibility that this material is being distributed by Senator Huber's campaign headquarters. Accordingly, if appropriate, inquiries should be made to determine if this is in fact being done. The person or persons responsible should be appropriately admonished to refrain from using "FBI" or my name in distributing this material. Suairtel results of action taken to reach the Bureau no later than 8/15/66.

Follow-up made for 8/15/66.

NOTE: Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on 10-24-35, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned on October 5, 1951. The Ensign Publishing Company has published several of Skousen's books.

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18th Congressional District

Republican Party of Oakland County

245 SOUTH WOODWARD AVENUE • BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
The Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As Chairman of the Republican 18th Congressional District Organization, I have lately been subjected to a number of unsigned pieces of mail sent to me, and extolling the virtues of the John Birch Society. Most of them are simply chucked into the waste basket, because they obviously come from the fringe elements in the extremist political spectrum, but one received today disturbs me, and I am therefore writing to you.

I received one today that enclosed a printed pamphlet entitled THE COMMUNIST ATTACK ON THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, printed by the Ensign Publishing Co., P. O. Box 2316, Salt Lake City, Utah, and written by a W. Gleen Skousen, apparently a former FBI agent.

I am enclosing the pamphlet. What concerned me was the fact that stapled to the cover was a 3x5 card, and you will note that written on it is the statement "Pamphlet received from J. Edgar Hoover."

In the curious manner these people use, the pamphlet insists the JB Society is not a secret society, and yet the sender does not sign his or her name or in anyway identify themselves as the sender of the material. I am enclosing the envelope in which it was sent, or rather a verifax copy of the envelope, because it was sent by 3rd Class Mail, and contains a written message, which makes it 1st Class Mail, and I am turning this over to the postal authorities to check out.

I would appreciate your comments on this, Mr. Hoover.

Yours very truly,

Charles L. Lyle
Chairman

SEP 20 1966

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ENCLOSURE

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DIRECTOR, FBI

8/12/66

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-0)

W. CLEON SKOUSEN
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On 8/10/66, the Texas Farm Bureau held a citizenship seminar at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, at which seminar speeches were made by Dr. CLIFFORD GANUS, President, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, and by W. CLEON SKOUSEN, identified as former Bureau Agent, author and lecturer. Newspaper accounts of the seminar indicated GANUS' subject was "Understanding and preserving our heritage" and SKOUSEN spoke on "History, strategy and tactics of the Communist Party." It was reported that approximately 350 high school students from throughout Texas attended this seminar which was to conclude on 8/12/66. The stated purpose of this seminar was to teach students the value of Americanism and to give them an understanding into Communist tactics.

The Dean of Students at Baylor University informed that approximately 100 copies of SKOUSEN's book "The Naked Communist" published by the Ensign Publishing Company of Salt Lake City, Utah, had been ordered by the Texas Farm Bureau for use and distribution in connection with this seminar.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 14, 1966

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: W. CLEON SKOUSEN
FORMER BUREAU AGENT
"COMMUNIST ATTACK ON U. S. POLICE"

On October 13, 1966, Anthony L. Schmieg, FBI National Academy graduate (64th Session, August 17 - November 4, 1959) in good standing, called Inspector T. J. Jenkins and advised that he is currently working with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and is a part-time lecturer at American University. Schmieg stated that he had received a copy of a book "Communist Attack on U. S. Police" by W. Cleon Skousen, a former Bureau Agent. This book was copyrighted in 1966 and was published by the Ensign Publishing Company. Schmieg inquired of Jenkins as to his knowledge of the book and the authenticity of same.

Skousen entered on duty with the Bureau as a Clerk on October 24, 1935, and as an Agent from 6/17/40 to 10/5/51, when he resigned. Bureau has observed the policy of being circumspect in dealing with Skousen because of his attempts to capitalize on his association with the FBI in his anticommunist endeavors. Skousen has written several pamphlets and books on communism and spoke in several areas of the country on the communist menace.

Jenkins advised Schmieg that the Bureau could not vouch for the authenticity of Skousen's book "Communist Attack on U. S. Police" and that any of his activities, opinions and comments were strictly his own and did not in any way represent the views of the Bureau. He also advised Schmieg that it is contrary to the Director's long-standing policy to furnish any comment or express any opinion upon books of this nature. Schmieg stated that he understood this and could appreciate the Bureau's position.

RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for information.

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Callahan

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Wick

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/9/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (62-0)

ATTENTION: TRAINING DIVISION

O Miscellaneous - Non-Subversive

SUBJECT:

~~INTRODUCTION TO POLICE SCIENCE"~~

AUTHORED BY JOHN L. SULLIVAN

MISCELLANEOUS -

INFORMATION CONCERNING

~~MISCELLANEOUS - NON-SUBVERSIVE~~

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SA [redacted] on 5/4/67, in contact with Doctor ROBERT GOOSTREE, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law of the American University, learned from Doctor GOOSTREE that he had received a new hardback book publication by Mc Graw-Hill Publishing Company, entitled "Introduction to Police Science". The author was identified as JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Police Science, Pasedena City College, California. In the first few pages of the book, were recognitions of numerous persons who assisted the author with suggestions and ideas and among them were the following persons:

W. CLEON ~~SKOUSEN~~, former FBI Agent and former Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah;

[redacted] retired FBI Special Agent and Special Agent, Richfield Corporation, Los Angeles, California;

[redacted] retired FBI Special Agent and [redacted] in Los Angeles, California.

The above for information.

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CLARENCE J. BROWN, JR.

7TH DISTRICT, OHIO

URBANA, OHIO

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

June 13, 1967

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been contacted concerning a publication by a former F.B.I. agent, W. Cleon Skousen, entitled The Naked Communist. While I am not familiar with Mr. Skousen's book, I understand he has listed therein forty-seven declared goals of the Communist Party.

I will appreciate any information you may be able to give me concerning Mr. Skousen and his activities since he left the F.B.I.

Thank you for any assistance you may be able to render in this matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Clarence J. Brown, Jr., M. C.
Seventh Ohio District

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June 16, 1967

Honorable Clarence J. Brown, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of June 13th asking for information concerning Mr. W. Cleon Skousen.

For your information Mr. Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We have enjoyed very cordial relations with Mr. Brown, who met the Director on 1-16-67. Brown has expressed his admiration and support of the Director and the Bureau.

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November 18, 1969

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~~Mr. Gordon W. Kirby~~
~~Staff Writer~~
~~Deseret News~~
~~Post Office Box 1257~~
~~Salt Lake City, Utah 84110~~

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Dear Mr. Kirby:

In reply to your letter of November 11th, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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November 12, 1969

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Edgar:

Mr. Leon Skousen

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter which I have received from a constituent who is interested in having a former employee of the FBI speak in his community.

Your assistance in providing background information on Mr. Skousen would be very appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Scherle
Bill Scherle
William J. Scherle
Member of Congress
7th Iowa District

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Rural Route #3
Glenwood, Iowa
November 7, 1969

The Honorable William J. Scherle
United States Representative
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Scherle:

I have read a couple of books written by Mr. W. Cleon Skousen, a former employee of the FBI, and presently editorial director of LAW AND ORDER magazine. Mr. Skousen appears to have very good credentials and I have been giving some consideration to the possibility of asking Mr. Skousen to speak in this area. Mr. Skousen's subject would probably be law and order oriented as this appears to be his main interest.

In view of the ever increasing efforts to destroy the good image of our police, I felt that this program may be a very worthwhile endeavor.

I am hoping that you may know Mr. Skousen or be able to check his qualifications and confirm his worthiness as a speaker.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Buffington
Robert H. Buffington

~~RHB:ew~~

P. S. I want to compliment you for exposing the infamous O. E. O.

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November 14, 1969

Honorable William J. Scherle
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I received your communication of November 12th and the enclosed copy of a letter to you from Mr. Robert H. Buffington of Glenwood, Iowa.

With respect to your constituent's inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own and it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

I trust the above will be of some assistance to Mr. Buffington.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have maintained cordial relations with Congressman Scherle (R-Iowa). Bufiles disclose in March, 1969, one Robert H. Buffington wrote a letter to an editor and a copy was sent to us by an individual from Glenwood, Iowa. Buffington quoted the Director as stating "The goals of the liberal church and the Communist Party are so much alike that you cannot tell the difference." We denied ever making this statement.

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February 5, 1970

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Mr &

Mrs. Roscoe C. Lee
103 South Main Street
Milton-Freewater, Oregon 97862

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I received the letter of January 30th, with enclosures, from you and your family and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and remarks concerning my work. It was indeed thoughtful of you to forward the material to me and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain prior cordial correspondence with Mrs. Lee. Last outgoing, 10-22-69, in response to her comments concerning the Director's possible retirement. The enclosures are an article written by W. Cleon Skousen, a former Special Agent who is well known to the Bureau, a reprint from the "Daily World," a publication of the Communist Party which is well known to the Bureau, and a speech by Ezra Taft Benson, former Secretary of Agriculture. In his article, Skousen states that some organizations, when they are attacked by the communist press, remain silent and hope the thing will blow over, but a more responsive approach such as that followed by J. Edgar Hoover when the FBI is attacked has proven more effective. There is no other mention of the Director or the FBI in the enclosures.

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FOR CHRIST — AGAINST COMMUNISM

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—II Chron. 7:14.

Old Testament—Bible

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FOR
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"Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written."

Elther 2:12 Book of Mormon

Mr. Tolson ✓
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Skousen, W. Cleon

Milton-Freewater,
January 30, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

If you have not seen the enclosures, we hope and pray they may be enlightening and helpful to you. Mr. W. Cleon Skousen, was at one time an FBI man, also Chief of Police of Salt Lake City.

We are still trying to do our bit to keep this a Nation under God. We have two sons in the Armed Forces, as we may have told you in previous correspondence. It is the desire of our hearts that this Nation may remain free and that every man can worship God, according to the dictates of their own conscience. "A Nation who will not serve God will be ruled by Tyrants."

May God continue to bless you with health and strength. We consider you one of this Nation's greatest men and a devoted Servant of our cherished Republic!

Very Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Lee & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Lee

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103 SOUTH MAIN ST.
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SAC, Salt Lake City

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Director, FBI (62-46855)

**PURCHASE OF BOOK
BOOK REVIEWS**

The book "The Naked Capitalist" by W. Cleon Skousen is available from National Research Group, P. O. Box 156, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062, for \$2 a copy.

You are authorized to obtain discreetly one copy of above book for use of Bureau. Mark book to attention of the Research Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

1 - Mr. M. F. Row, 6221 IB
1 - 67-69602 (W. Cleon Skousen)

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NOTE:

Book requested by Assistant to the Director W. C. Sullivan, for perusal. Book will be placed in Bureau Library. Skousen former Bureau Agent.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-46855)
ATTENTION: RESEARCH SECTION,
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (80-225)

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF BOOK
BOOK REVIEWS

DATE: 1/21/71

ReBulet 1/20/71.

Enclosed is one copy of "The Naked Capitalist,"
a book review by W. CLEON SKOUSEN. This book was
purchased in a Salt Lake City bookstore.

② - Bureau (Enc. 1) / Encl. filed in
1 - Salt Lake City Bureau library.
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Mr. Charles W. McTaggart
22126 San Miguel Street
Woodland Hills, California 91364

Dear Mr. McTaggart:

In reply to your letter of August 27th, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951.

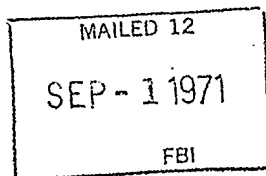
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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22126 San Miguel St.,
Woodland Hills, Cal. 91364
Aug. 27, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I would like to know if Cleon Skousen, the author
& presently a College instructor in Utah, I believe, was
ever a duly appointed, full fledged agent of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation.

Thanking you for a reply, I remain,

Yours truly,
Charles W. McTaggart

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N. L. Hiniker, D.D.S.

1720 N. Shartel

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

Dec. 5, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
The Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing an article from The Daily Oklahoman, Dec. 5, 1971. I am taking exception to the paragraph which is marked. After researching Mr. Skousen's works and also biography on the book covers, I can find absolutely no place where Mr. Skousen claimed to have been a "top aide" or "administrative assistant to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover." I will ask John H. George for his proof on this statement.

However, I am interested in hearing from you regarding the statement, "...Mr. Hoover who seemingly has a low opinion of the former agent." Has Mr. Hoover at any time issued a statement which was derogatory to Mr. Skousen?

It was my understanding that at the time Mr. Skousen left the Department--he was told that he could return to the F.B.I. when and if he chose to do so. Can you verify this statement?

I am most anxious to have the answers to these two questions at your earliest convenience.

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Thank you very much,

Mrs. N. L. Hiniker

Mrs. N. L. Hiniker

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TO THE EDITOR:

W. D. Herd cited two books by W. Cleon Skousen as proof that America's national leaders are in cahoots with the Communists. Hence, he indicates, we are in the grip of a gigantic conspiracy.

I question the assumption that Skousen is a reliable source. This man was fired as police chief of Salt Lake City by none other than right wing favorite, Mayor J. Bracken Lee, who labeled Skousen "an incipient Hitler."

Former Utah Gov. Lee further stated of Skousen: "He ran the police department in . . . exactly the same manner as the Communists in Russia operate their government . . . He is a master of half-truths and would not hesitate to convey an outright lie if he felt it would further his personal ambitions."

Lee also characterized Skousen as "wasteful," "extravagant," and "a first class phony," and asserted that "the one act of which I am most proud is the one in which I publicly discharged W. Cleon Skousen as chief of police of Salt Lake City."

Skousen has evidently claimed that he was a top aide and administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover. This untruth may be checked by writing Mr. Hoover who seemingly has a low opinion of the former agent.

How can we put much credence in the writings of such a man as W. Cleon Skousen?

John H. George, Edmond

December 13, 1971

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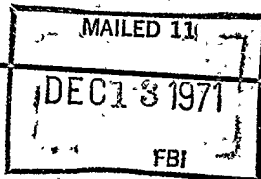
Mrs. N. L. Hiniker
1720 North Shartel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103

Dear Mrs. Hiniker:

Your letter of December 5th, with enclosure, has been received. With regard to your inquiry, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: We sent Mrs. Hiniker telegram in 1965 regarding her inquiry about one Daniel Rubins. No record John H. George. Above reply coordinated with Administrative Division.

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Oct 27, 1972

Dear Sirs,

I am a history major at Brigham Young University. I am doing a historial essay on what you would call a thesis paper. And I would like some information from you concerning a one Cleon Skousen, who used to be an agent for your agency. So I would like the information concerning him that you are able to disclose without affecting your security. Thank You for your efforts.

Ronald S. Mason

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November 2, 1972

Mr. Ronald S. Mason
B1220, Helaman Halls
Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Mr. Mason:

In reply to your letter of October 27th, Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. I regret it is not possible, because of the confidential nature of our files, to furnish you any additional data regarding Mr. Skousen.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

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Director, FBI [redacted] - 23

1 - Mr. D. R. Norie

SM - YSA

Enclosed herewith is copy of letter received from [redacted] which is self-explanatory.

Contact [redacted] and acknowledge receipt of enclosed letter.

Advise him that Skousen entered on duty with the FBI in a clerical capacity on 10/24/35, and was appointed a Special Agent on 6/17/40, and voluntarily resigned from the latter position on 10/5/51. Also advise that Skousen's personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments, since he left the Bureau, are strictly his own. In addition, he should be advised that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society; therefore, the Bureau is unable to furnish information or evaluation he seeks. Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, has attempted to link the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director, Allen Dulles with communism.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

[redacted] a PSI of the OC Office, in a letter to the Director advised he had heard that W. Cleon Skousen has an open invitation to be reappointed as an SA of the FBI; that the Director and Welch are close friends and inquired if such groups as the John Birch Society aid the communist cause rather than hinder it.

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CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

January 31, 1972

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C. 20000

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Felt
Mr. Rosen
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M. J. J. J.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

W. Cleon Skousen's followers in this area are predominantly John Birchers, many of whom are racists and antisemites. While some are suspicious of your loyalty, others claim to admire you and act as though you totally agree with their views. One of them contends that you and Robert Welch are close friends. Several state that W. Cleon Skousen has an open invitation to become an FBI special agent again. Therefore my questions are:

1. Does Skousen have such an open invitation?
2. Hasn't Skousen made the claim he was an administrative assistant to you? Isn't this untrue?
3. On balance, don't such groups as the Birch Society aid the Communist cause rather than hinder it?

Sincerely,

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W. Cleon Skousen

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The enclosed communication is respectfully referred for such consideration as it may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate.

Thanking you in advance for your report, and the return of the enclosure, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd
 Robert C. Byrd
 U. S. Senator
 (D - WEST VIRGINIA)

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Enclosure: Correspondence from Mrs. John E. Lipscomb
 3505 Dolphin Drive 1974
 Charleston, W. Va. 25306

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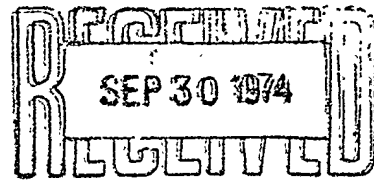
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September 26, 1974

ROBERT C. BYRD, U.S.S.



Senator Robert C. Byrd
Room 105
Old Senate Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

As parents we are very much concerned about recent textbooks being used in Kanawha County. The enclosed article has been passed out to interested citizens. I would like your answer on the validity of this article. If this is true then everyone can clearly see why we don't want the books in our schools. Also if Federal money is used for the purchase of these controversial textbooks, then why can't the Federal government help us. It has been told that you and other congressional leaders can't help because it is a State and County matter. Would you please clarify this for me.

Senator we have always known you to be truthful and forthright and that is reason we're asking for your opinion.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John E. Lipscomb

Mrs. John E. Lipscomb
3505 Dolphin Drive
Charleston, WV 25306

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to Senator Byrd*

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45 COMMIE GOALS

Uncovered by W. Cleon Skousen for
the F.B.I. while serving as an assistant
to J. Edgar Hoover.

1. U.S. acceptance of coexistence as the only alternative to atomic war. 2. U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war. 3. Develop the illusion that total disarmament by the U.S. would be a demonstration of moral strength. 4. Permit free trade between all nations regardless of whether items could be used for war. 5. Extension of long-term loans to Russia and Soviet satellites. 6. Provide U.S. aid to all nations. 7. Grant recognition of Red China with admission to the U.N. 8. Set up E. and W. Germany as separate states. 9. Prolong the conferences to ban atomic tests because the U.S. has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress. 10. Allow all Soviet satellites representation in the U.N. 11. Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be set up as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces. 12. Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party. 13. Do away with all loyalty oaths. 14. Continue giving Russia access to the U.S. Patent Office. 15. Capture one or both of the political parties in the U.S. 16. Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights. 17. Get control of schools. Use them for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Get control of teachers' associations. 18. Gain control of all student newspapers. 19. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or org. which are under Communist attack. 20. Infiltrate the press. 21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV and motion pictures. 22. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. 23. Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art." 24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press. 25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV. 26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy." 27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch." 28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expressions in the schools. 29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, "out of step." 30. Discredit the American founding fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man." 31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history. 32. Support all socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture — education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc. 33. Eliminate all laws or procedures which interfere with the operation of the Communist apparatus. 34. Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. 35. Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI. 36. Infiltrate and gain control of more unions. 37. Infiltrate and gain control of big business. 38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavior problems as psychiatric disorders. 39. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals. 40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce. 41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices and mental blocks to suppressive influence of parents. 42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use "united force" to solve problems. 43. Overthrow all colonial governments before native populations are ready for self-government. 44. Internationalize the Panama Canal. 45. Repeal the Connally Reservation so the U.S. cannot prevent the World Court from seizing jurisdiction over domestic problems. Give the World Court jurisdiction over nations and individuals alike.

The above (slightly condensed) appeared in the Congressional Record. Give a copy of this tract to someone who has said, "I don't believe the communists are in everything, as I hear they are." These are only 45 points. They have more.

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October 15, 1974

Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

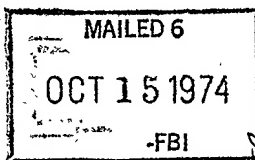
This is in response to your communication of October 7th, with enclosures, from your constituent, Mrs. John E. Lipscomb of Charleston, West Virginia.

With regard to your constituent's inquiry, Mr. W. Clason Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, and served in that capacity until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. During his employment with the FBI, he did not hold the position of Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own and it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

The communication you enclosed is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director



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